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### PREVIOUSLY...



### Sonic & Tails are on "Rabbit" Reconnaissance!

After foiling Dr. Eggman's plans, both Sonic and Eggman woke up back in their home world, but with new memories – and a new past, altered by the reality-warping Genesis Wave!



The artificial intelligence known as Nicole holds the key to what has happened, and by interacting with the heroic Freedom Fighters she has begun to "defragment" this new world. Tails, Rotor the Walrus and Antoine D'Coollette have all been revitalized with more on the way!

Sonic and Tails are now headed to Metropolis Zone to find their fellow Freedom Fighter, Bunnie "Rabbit" D'Coollette. As they fly high in the sky aboard the Tornado, neither Sonic nor Tails know of the monstrous power that is about to emerge from the world below...



## WHO'S WHO



**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**  
FASTEST THING ALIVE



**MILES "TAILS" PROWER**  
SONIC'S BEST BUD



**DR. EGGMAN**  
SONIC'S MAD SCIENTIST NEMESIS



???

METROPOLIS ZONE,  
IN THE SKIES ABOVE  
WESTSIDE ISLAND...

LAST  
CHANCE--ANY  
WORD FROM  
BUNNIE?

SONIC  
COOL BLUE  
HERO

NEGATIVE,  
I CAN'T REACH  
HER, AND SHE'S  
NOT CALLED  
->KZZT!<

NICOLE  
LIVING  
COMPUTER



THEN...IT'S LIKELY  
SHE'S LOST HER  
COVER AND SHE'S  
BEEN CAPTURED.

"POLITELY ASK," HE  
SAYS...KEEP THE  
TORNADO OUT OF RANGE,  
T-PUP. I'LL CALL YOU FOR  
PICK-UP.

BARK-  
BARK!

RIGHT, SO WE'LL  
JUST HAVE TO GO  
DOWN THERE AND  
POLITELY ASK THE  
THE EGG ARMY TO  
LET HER GO.

T-PUP  
TAILS'  
ROBO-DOG

TAILS  
YOUNG  
GENIUS



# COUNTDOWN TO CHAOS

## PART THREE: THE RABBIT

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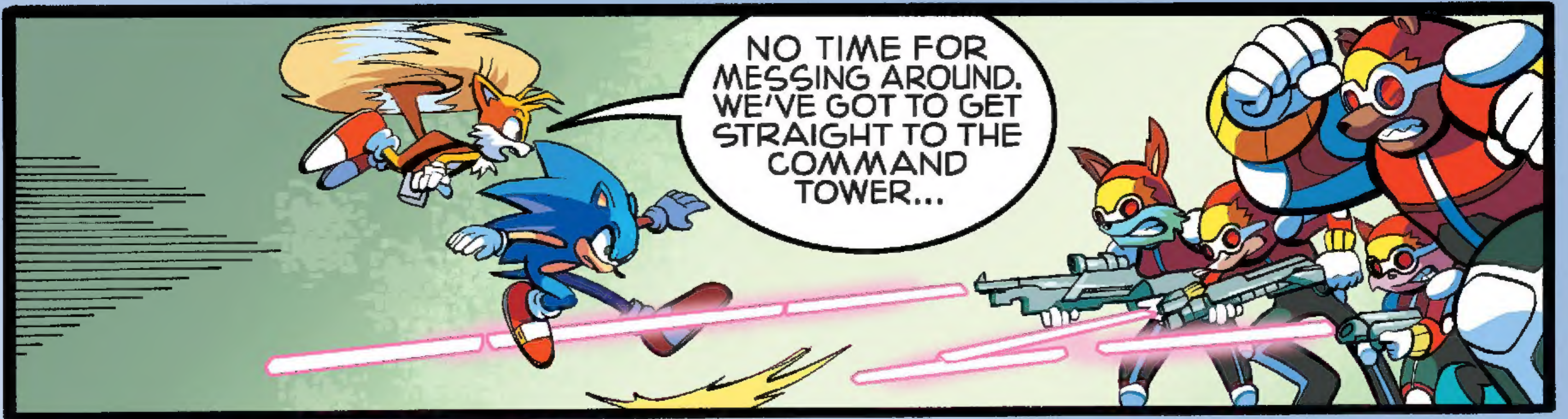
VREEEE!

VREEEE!

HAHAHA!  
THINK THEY  
NOTICED  
US?

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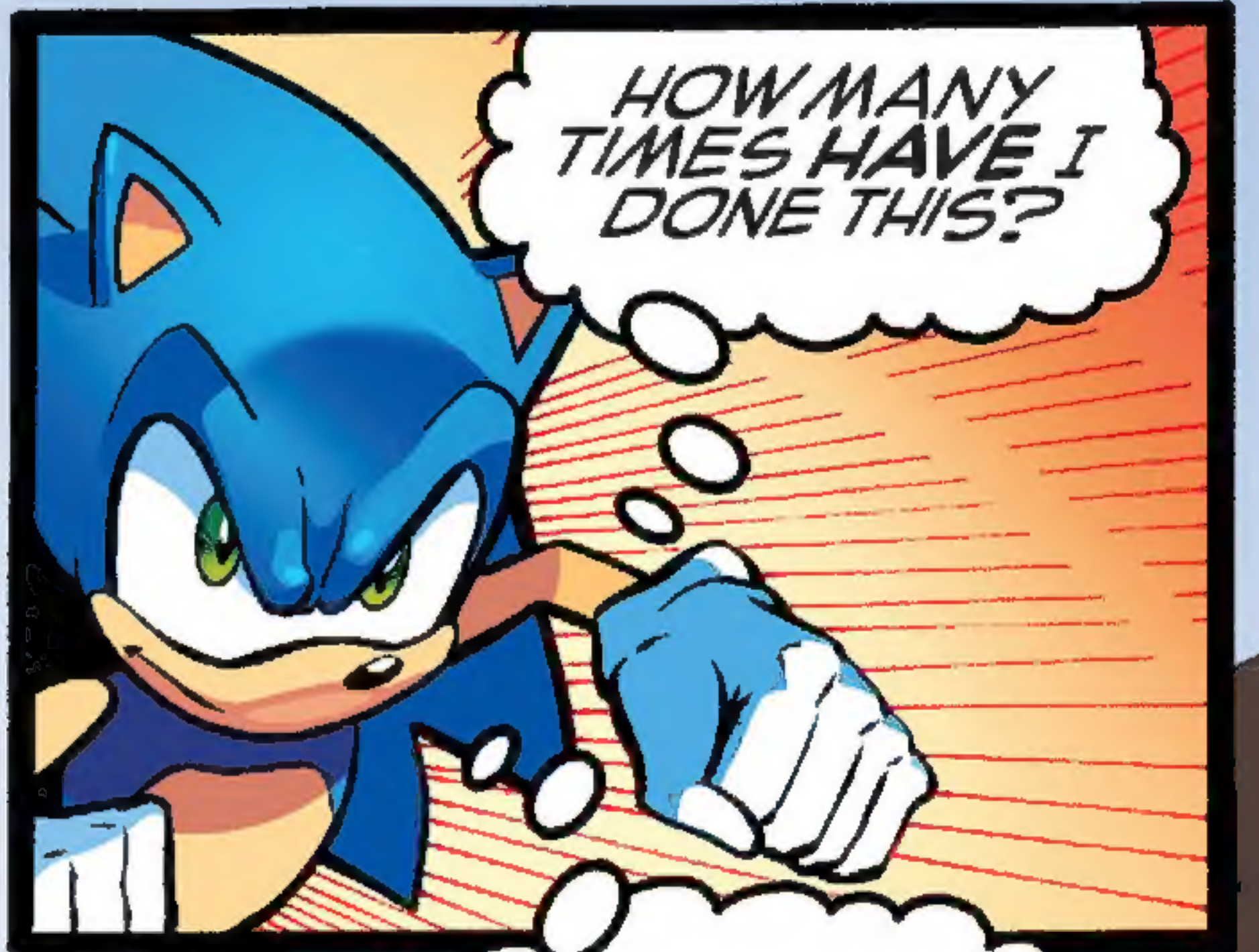
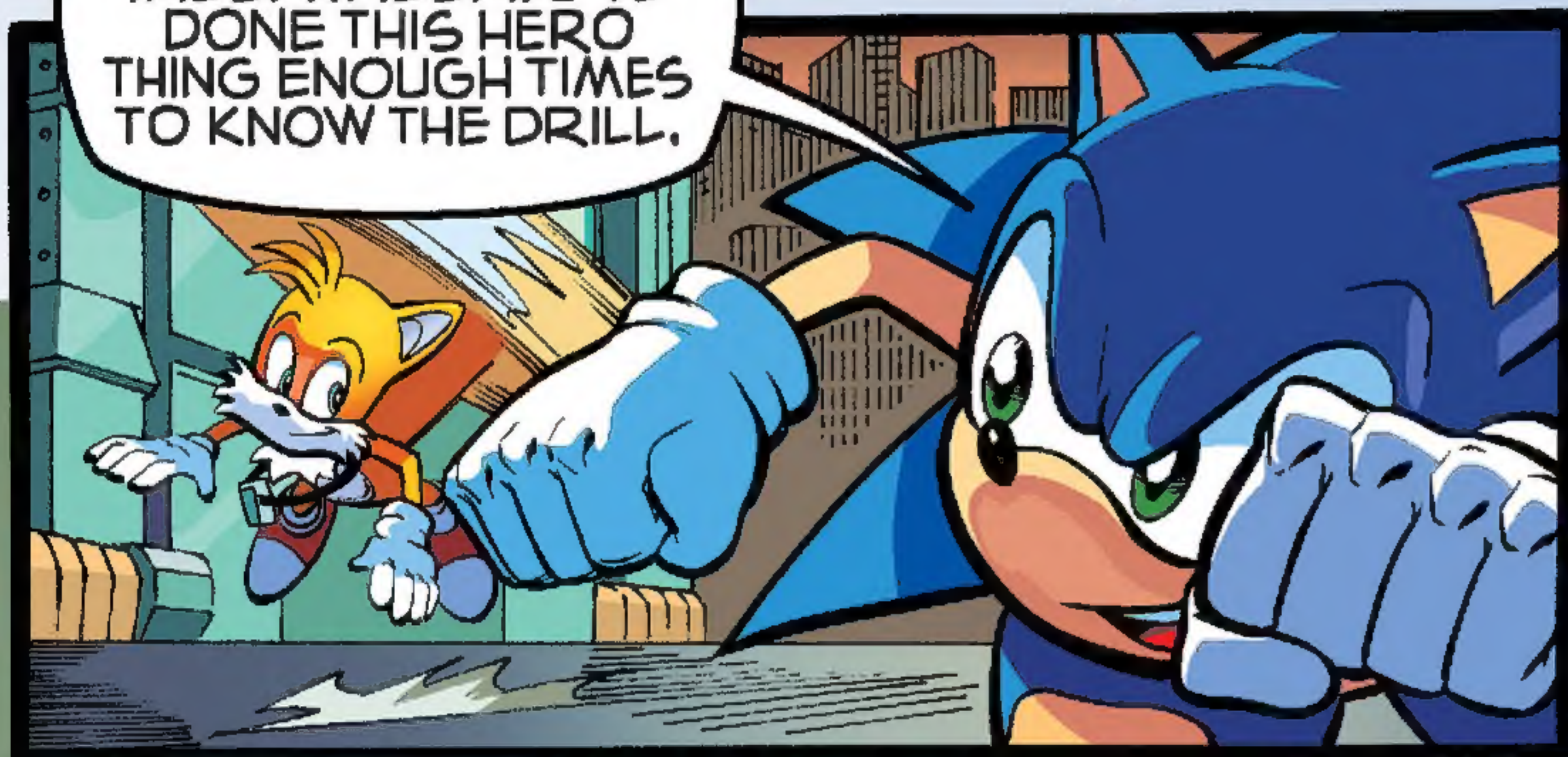


NO TIME FOR MESSING AROUND. WE'VE GOT TO GET STRAIGHT TO THE COMMAND TOWER...



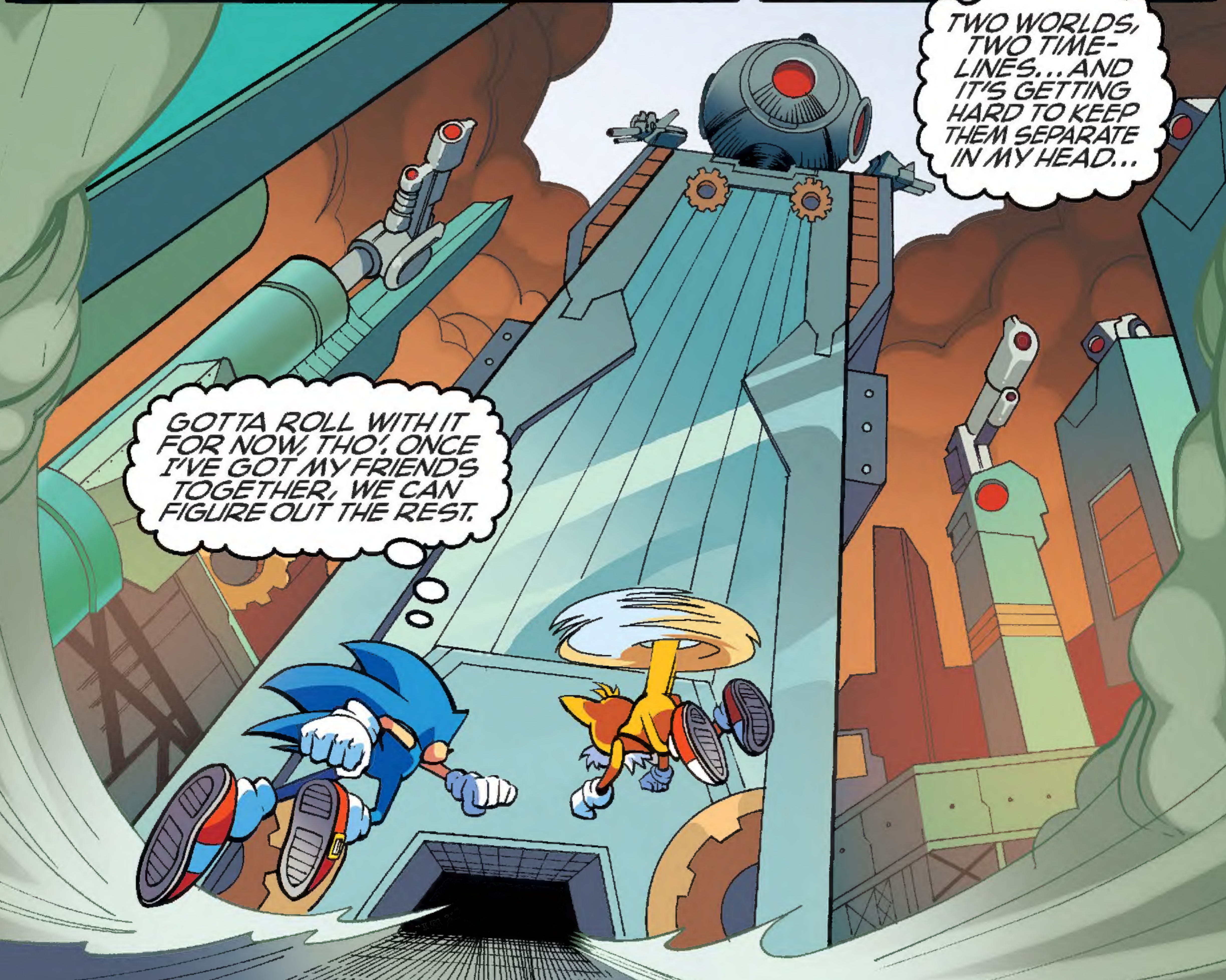
**VREEEE!**

...AND FIND OUT WHERE SHE'S BEING HELD AND YADDA YADDA YADDA, I'VE DONE THIS HERO THING ENOUGH TIMES TO KNOW THE DRILL.

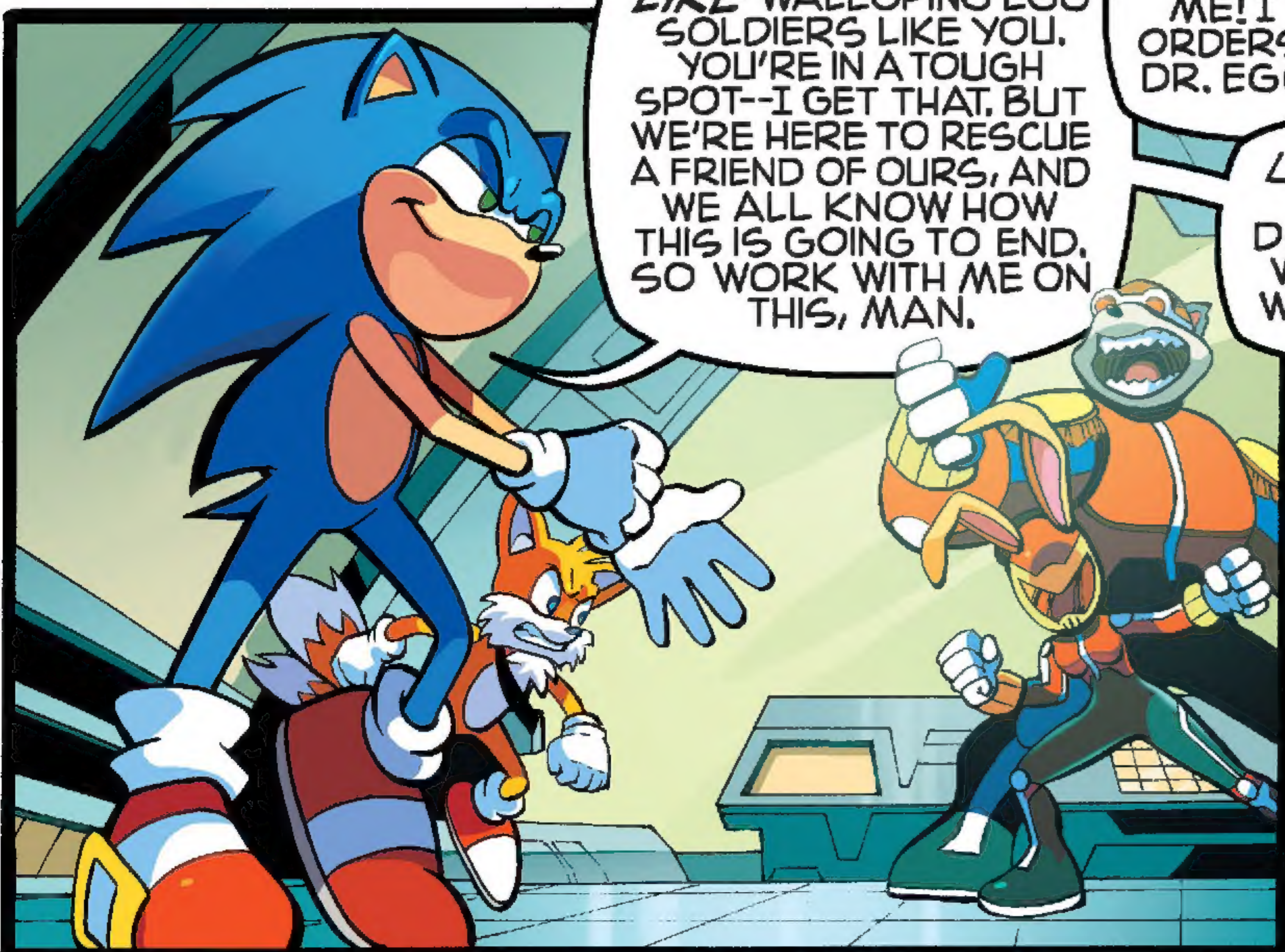


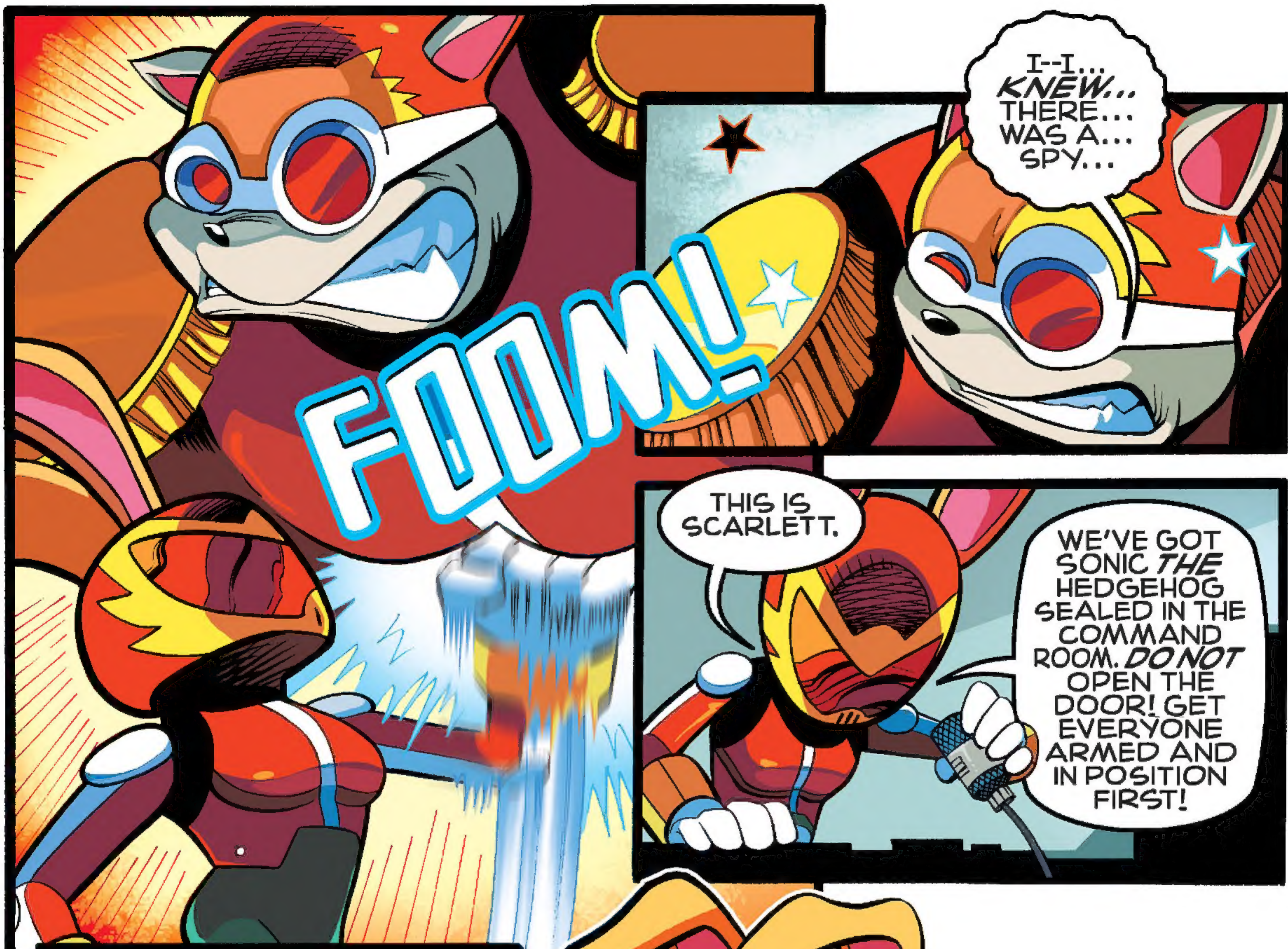
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I DONE THIS?

TWO WORLDS, TWO TIME-LINES... AND IT'S GETTING HARD TO KEEP THEM SEPARATE IN MY HEAD...



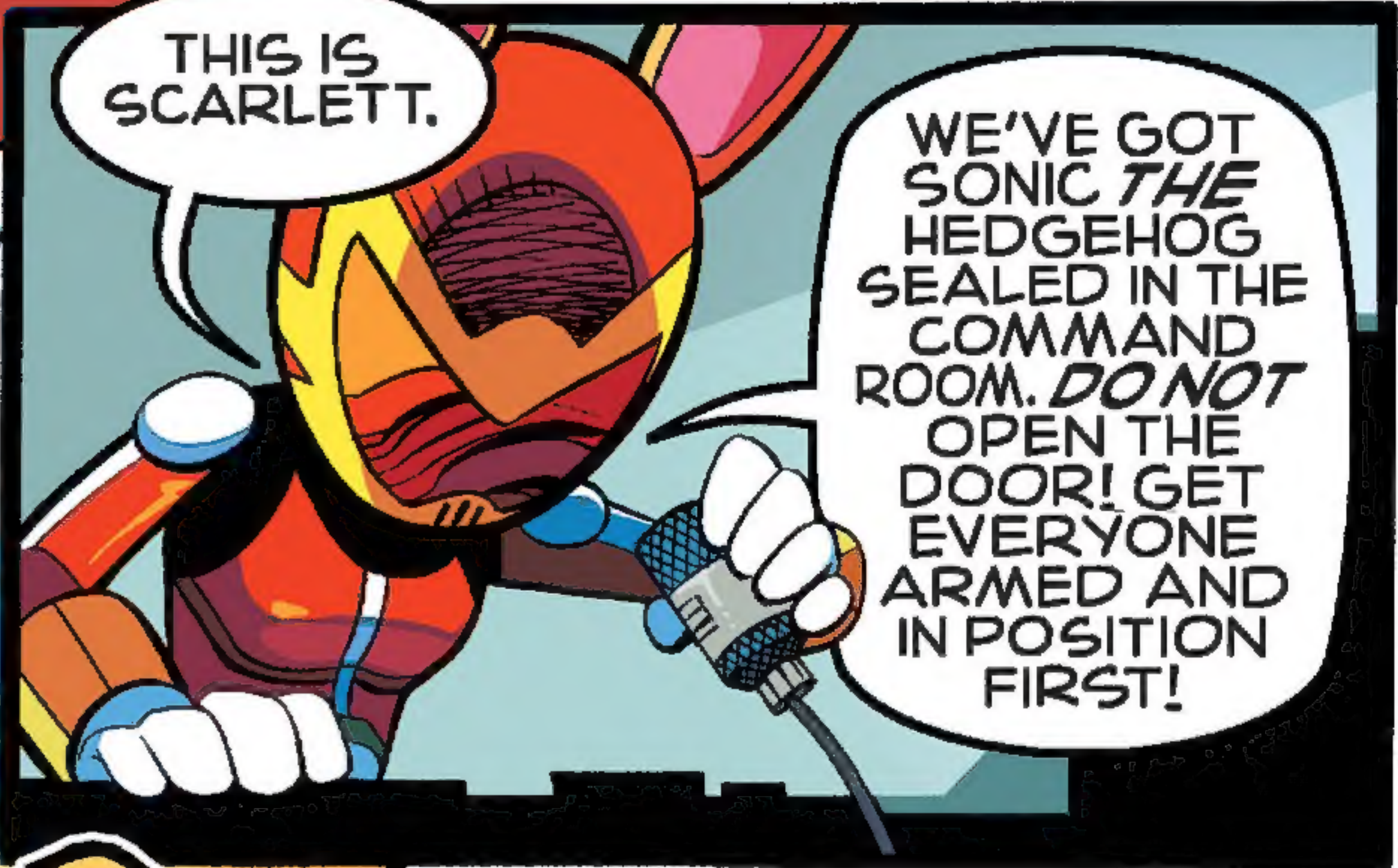
GOTTA ROLL WITH IT FOR NOW, THO'. ONCE I'VE GOT MY FRIENDS TOGETHER, WE CAN FIGURE OUT THE REST.





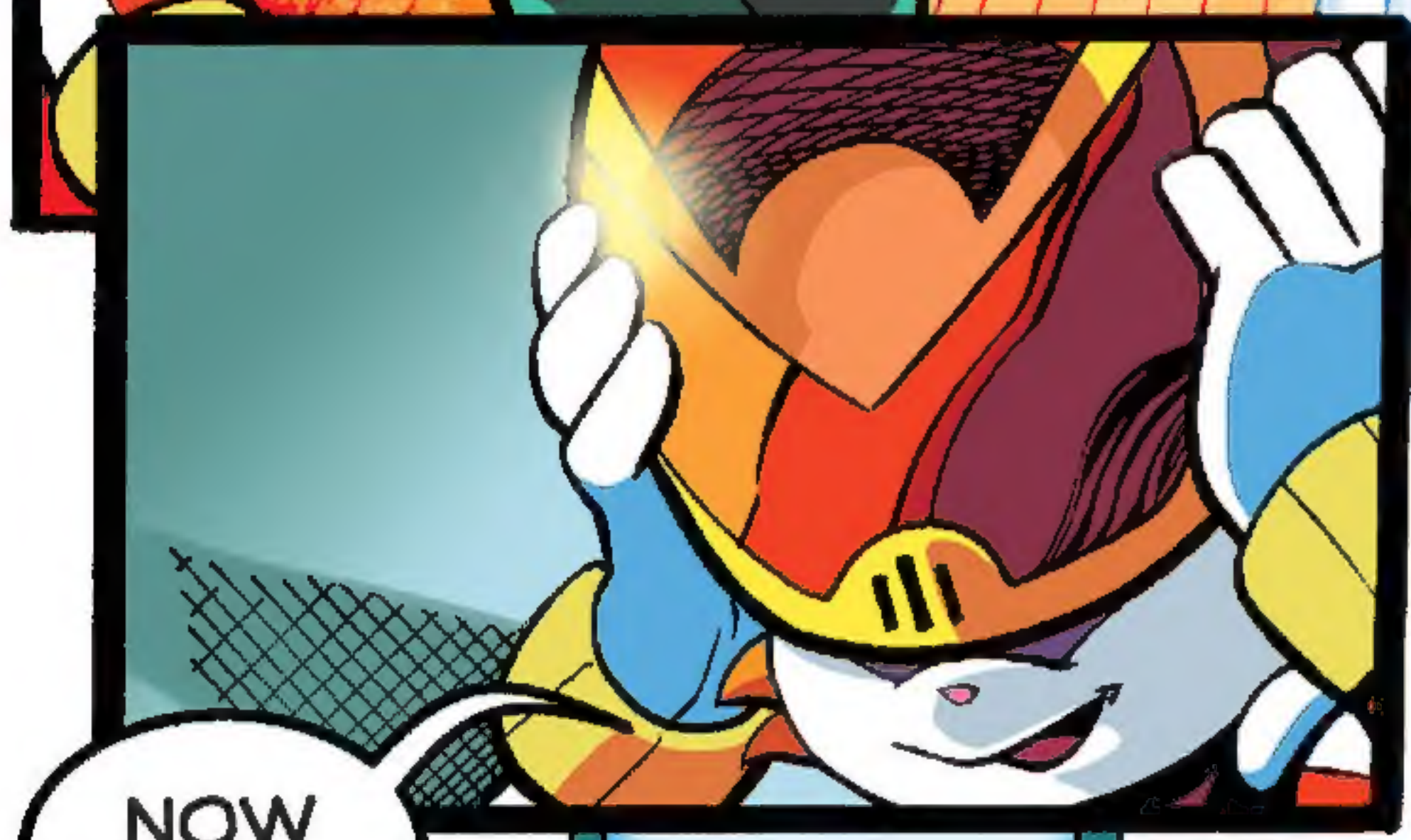
**FOOM!**

I--I...  
**KNEW...**  
THERE...  
WAS A...  
SPY...



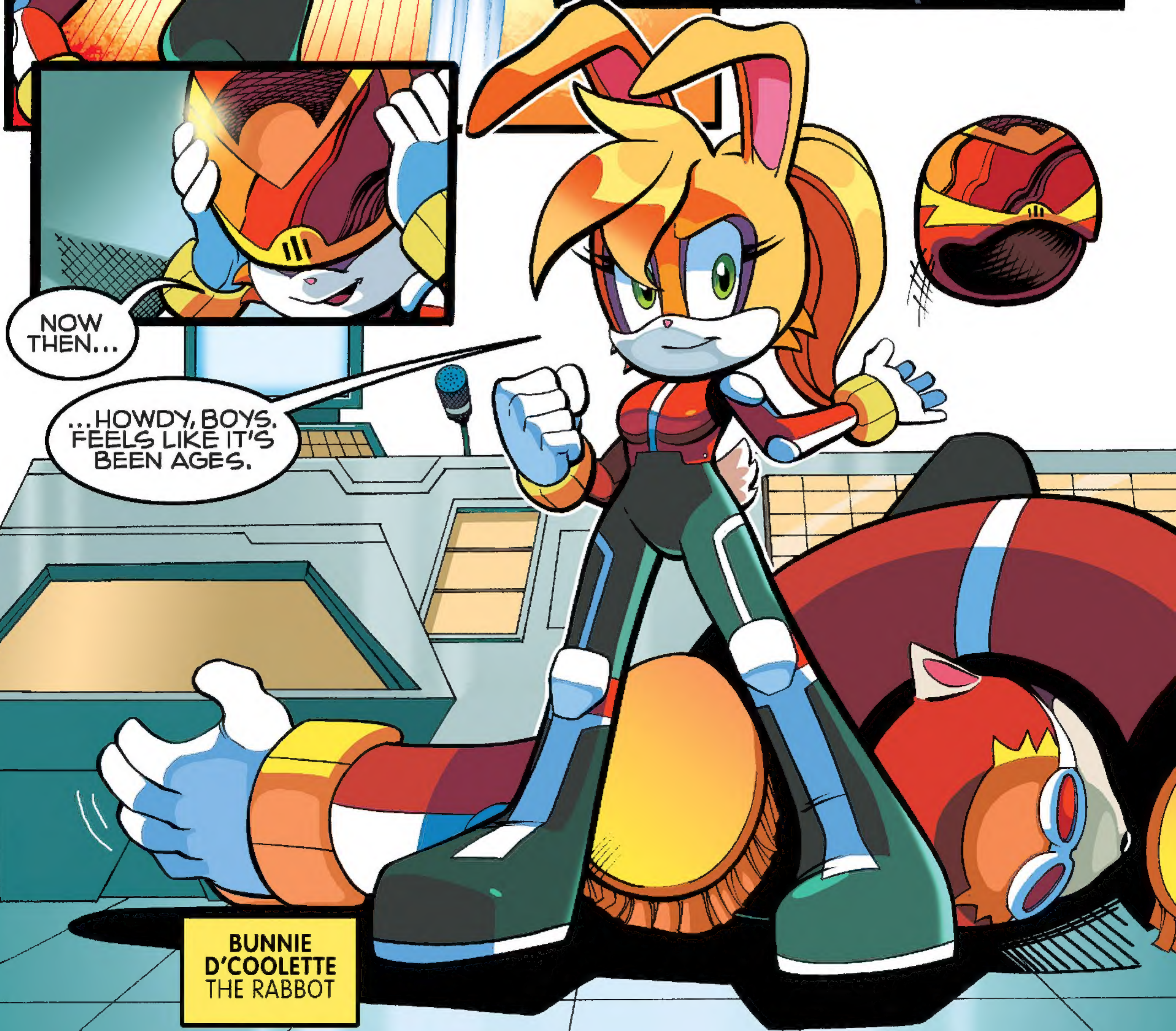
THIS IS SCARLETT.

WE'VE GOT SONIC THE HEDGEHOG SEALED IN THE COMMAND ROOM. **DO NOT** OPEN THE DOOR! GET EVERYONE ARMED AND IN POSITION FIRST!



NOW THEN...

...HOWDY, BOYS, FEELS LIKE IT'S BEEN AGES.



**BUNNIE D'COOLETTE**  
THE RABBOT



YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!

SHO' AM, AH TAKE IT THIS WAS *YOUR* IDEA FOR A RESCUE? CHARGE ON IN, GET LOCKED IN A ROOM...

...AND END UP SUR-ROUNDED?

HEY, WE FOUND YOU, DIDN'T WE? SO FAR MY PLAN'S GOING *PERFECTLY*.



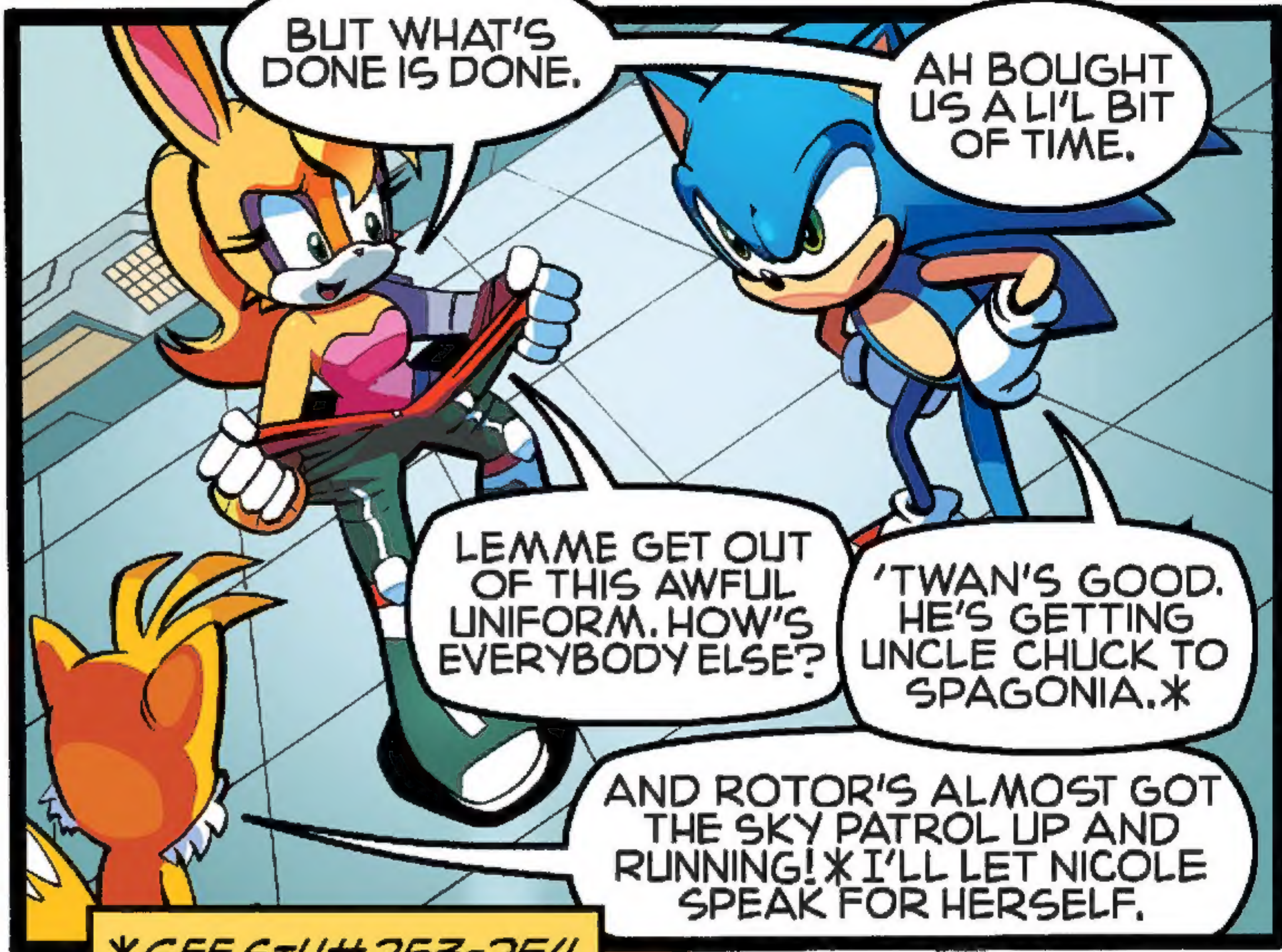
YOU HADN'T REPORTED IN FOR SO LONG, WE THOUGHT YOU *MUST* HAVE BEEN CAUGHT. AND NOW... WE'VE BLOWN YOUR COVER...

DON'T WORRY YOURSELF NONE.

THIS IS PARTLY MY FAULT, TOO.



THIS GUY WAS GETTIN' SUSPICIOUS, SO I HAD TO GO DEEPER UNDER COVER. ALL OUTGOIN' TRANSMISSIONS WERE CLOSELY MON-ITORED. AH KNEW AH WAS PAST DUE CHECKIN' IN, BUT AH WAS SO CLOSE TO GETTIN' WHAT I CAME HERE FOR.



BUT WHAT'S DONE IS DONE.

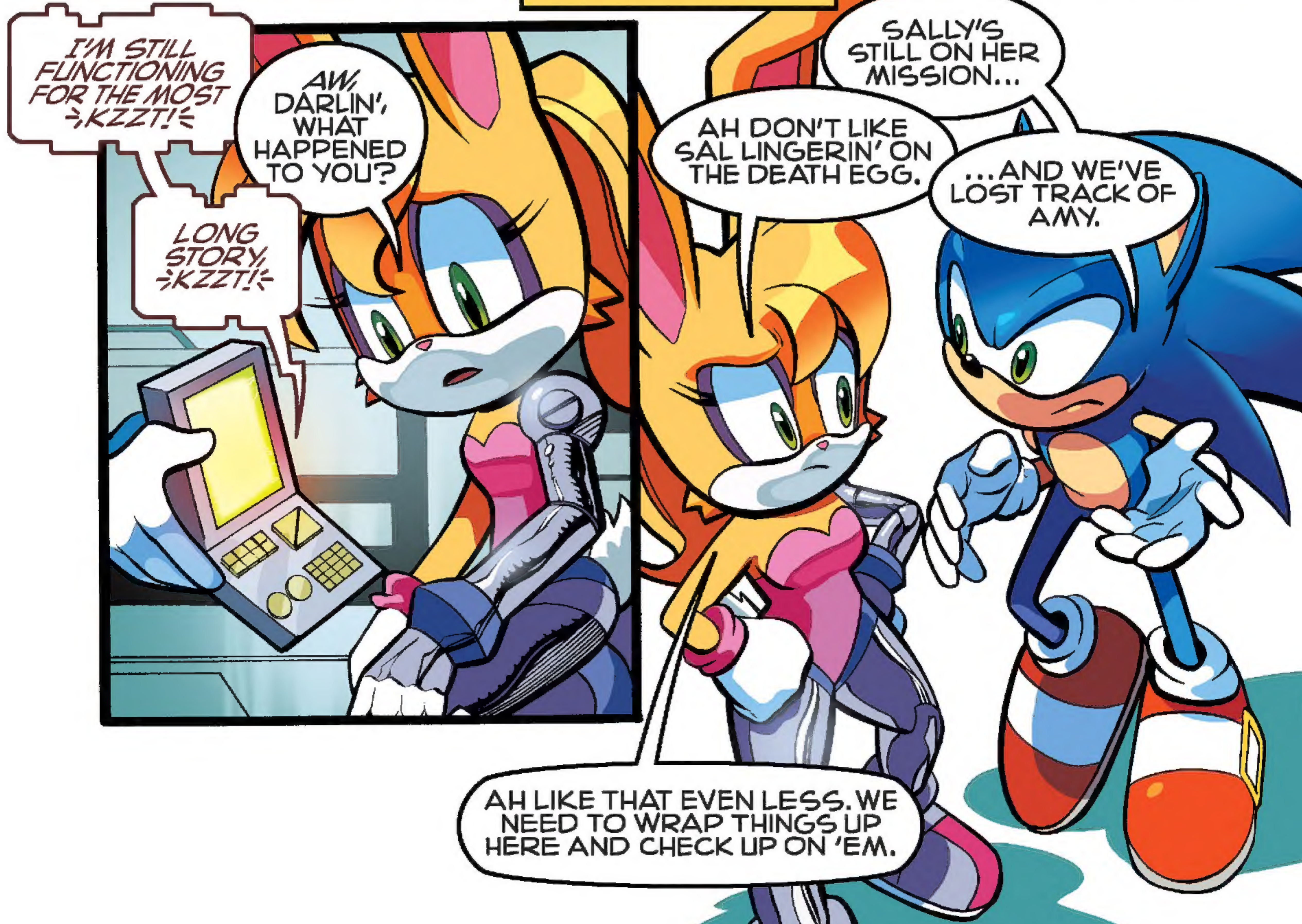
AH BOUGHT US A LI'L BIT OF TIME.

LEMME GET OUT OF THIS AWFUL UNIFORM. HOW'S EVERYBODY ELSE?

'TWAN'S GOOD. HE'S GETTING UNCLE CHUCK TO SPAGONIA.\*

AND ROTOR'S ALMOST GOT THE SKY PATROL UP AND RUNNING! \*I'LL LET NICOLE SPEAK FOR HERSELF.

\*SEE STH#253-254.



I'M STILL FLINCTIONING FOR THE MOST =>KZZT!<=

AW, DARLIN', WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

LONG STORY, =>KZZT!<=

SALLY'S STILL ON HER MISSION...

AH DON'T LIKE SAL LINGERIN' ON THE DEATH EGG.

...AND WE'VE LOST TRACK OF AMY.

AH LIKE THAT EVEN LESS. WE NEED TO WRAP THINGS UP HERE AND CHECK UP ON 'EM.



ROTOR SAID YOU WERE LOOKING INTO A SHIELD GENERATOR FOR THE SKY PATROL, RIGHT?

RIGHT. THE EGG ARMY HERE HAS BEEN DEVELOPIN' A REPLACEMENT FOR THE DEATH EGG. THIS BASE IS PRIMARILY FOR R&D STUFF.\*

\*RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.  
--EDITOR.

WAIT--SO THESE GUYS ARE GEEKS FIRST, SOLDIERS SECOND? MAN-- I FEEL EVEN WORSE FOR RUNNING OVER THEM. AND YOUR POOR "BOSS"!!!

DON'T FEEL SO BAD, HON. THEY *WERE* TRYIN' TO SHOOT YOU.

THEY *JUST* FINISHED THE GENERATOR TODAY, AND AH WAS WORKIN' ON A WAY TO NAB IT 'FORE IT GETS SHIPPED OFF. BUT NOW THAT Y'ALL ARE HERE, EVERYTHING'S GONNA BE LOCKED DOWN TIGHT.

AND YOUR USUAL PLAN OF "RUN FAST, HIT HARD" AIN'T GONNA GET US IN.

WHAT IF I RAN *REALLY* FAST AND HIT IT *REALLY* HARD?

HAHA! CUT IT OUT! THIS IS SERIOUS.

WHOA, YOU'RE A...YOUR ARM...

I THOUGHT THAT WAS... MAYBE PART OF YOUR DISGUISE.

YOU'RE STILL ROBOTICIZED ...? OR...?

HE'S RIGHT--THE EGG ARMY AIN'T GONNA WAIT OUTSIDE FOREVER. LEMME SYNC UP WITH NICOLE, AND WE'LL COME UP WITH A PLAN.

UM... WHAT'RE Y'ALL TALKIN' ABOUT? AH'VE BEEN THIS WAY FOR YEARS. YOU *KNOW* THAT.



WAIT. I REMEMBER NOW--  
CHUCK SAVED HER LIFE BACK  
WHEN EGGMAN FIRST ATTACKED.  
Y'KNOW...IN *THIS* REALITY.

I REMEMBER,  
TOO...I THINK.

WE STILL NEED BUNNIE  
TO RESTORE NICOLE'S  
SYSTEMS...

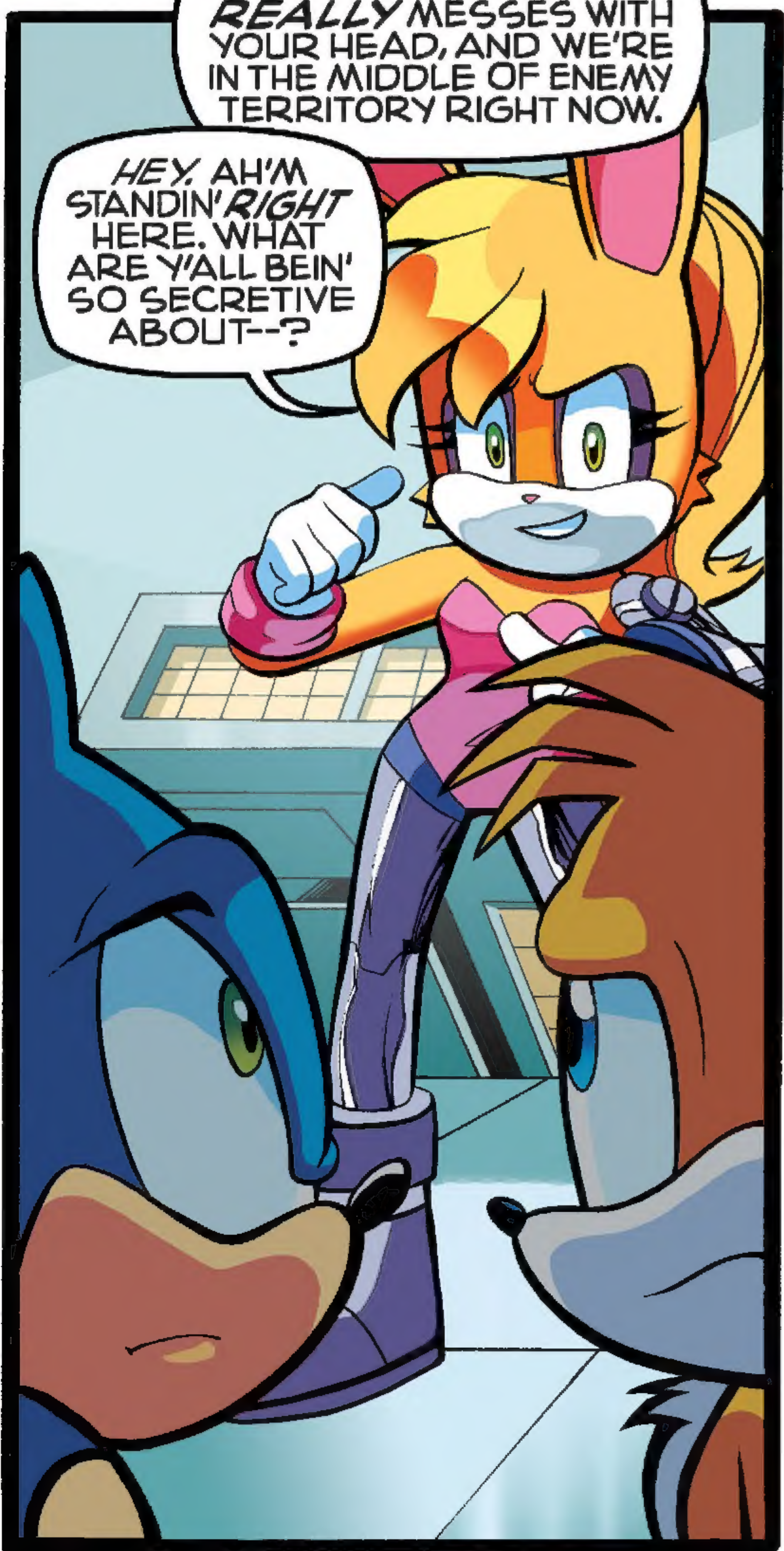
I HIGHLY SUGGEST  
WE DO IT LATER,  
AFTER WE'RE OUT  
OF HARM'S  $\Rightarrow$  KZZT!  $\Leftarrow$

I AGREE.



COMPLETING THE  
CIRCUIT WITH NICOLE  
*REALLY* MESSSES WITH  
YOUR HEAD, AND WE'RE  
IN THE MIDDLE OF ENEMY  
TERRITORY RIGHT NOW.

HEY. AH'M  
STANDIN' *RIGHT*  
HERE. WHAT  
ARE Y'ALL BEIN'  
SO SECRETIVE  
ABOUT--?



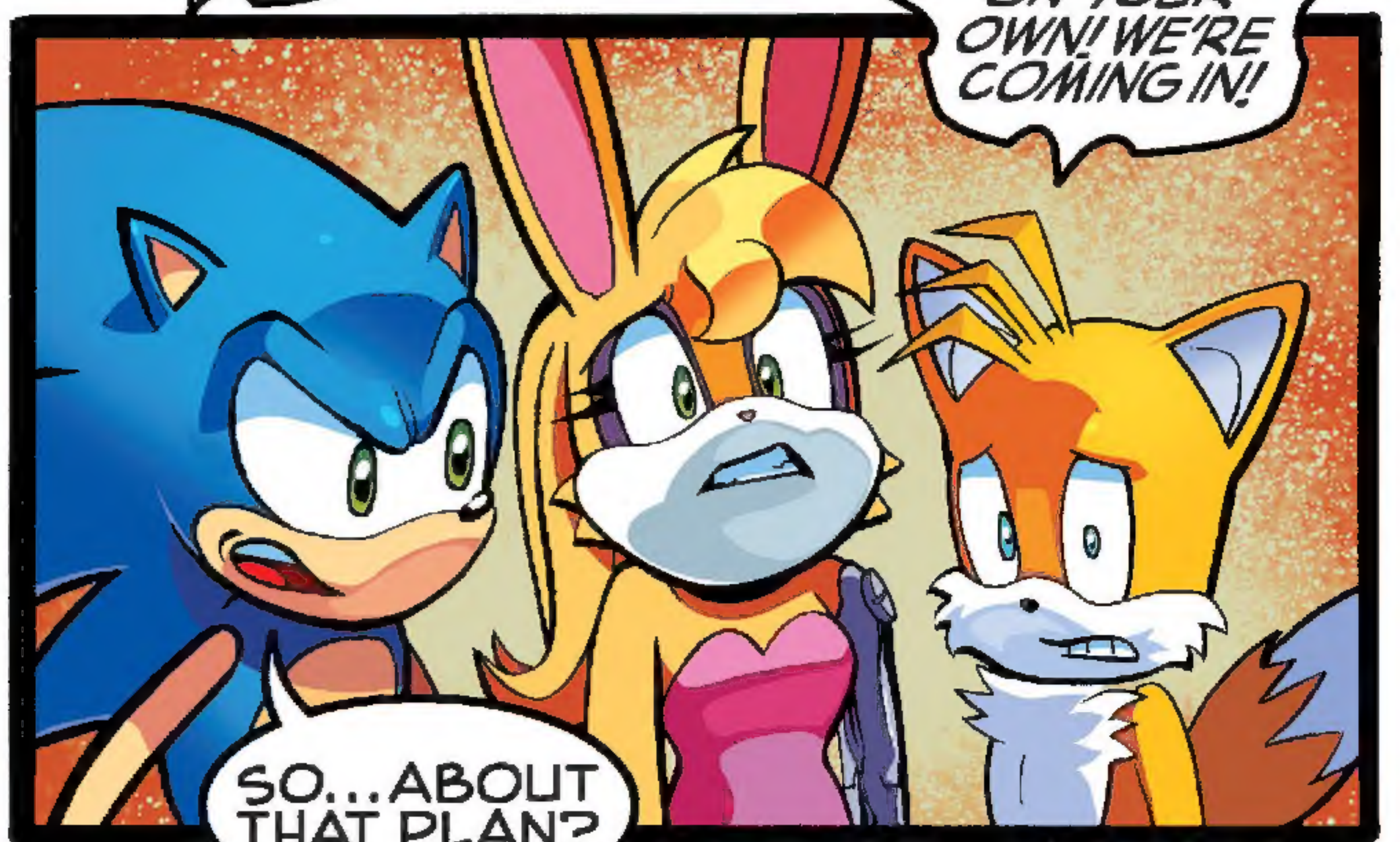
WE'RE READY  
TO MOVE ON THE  
HEDGEHOG. UN-  
LOCK THE DOORS!

SONIC TOOK HIM  
DOWN... *AND* THE  
DOOR CONTROLS!  
STAND BY WHILE  
AH...

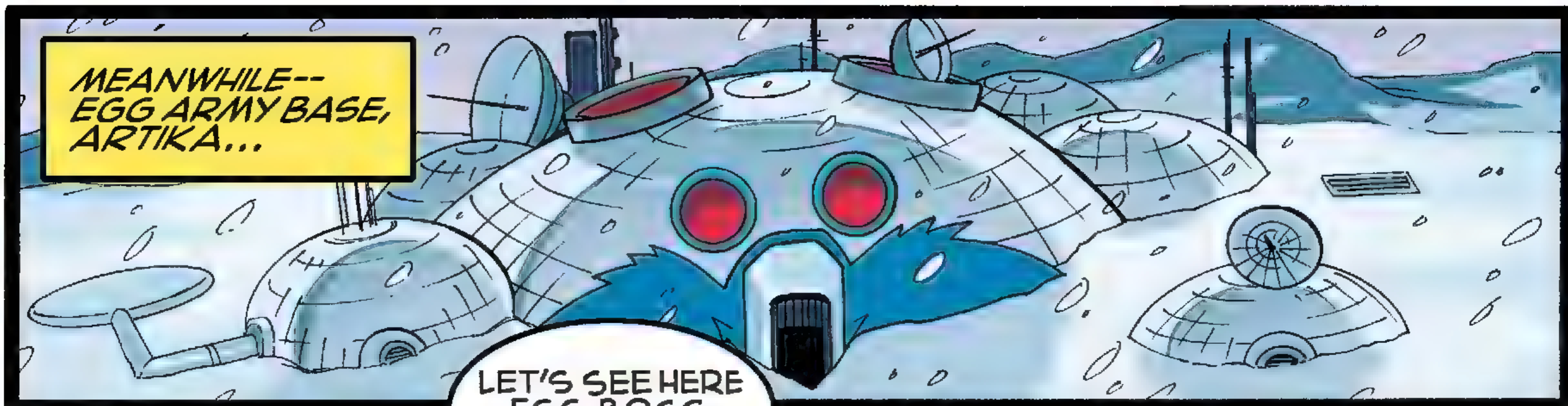
UHH...  
NEGATIVE!  
HE'S TOO  
STRONG!

WHERE'S  
THE FORE-  
MAN?

YOU CAN'T  
HANDLE HIM  
ON YOUR  
OWN! WE'RE  
COMING IN!



SO... ABOUT  
THAT PLAN?



MEANWHILE--  
EGG ARMY BASE,  
ARTIKA...

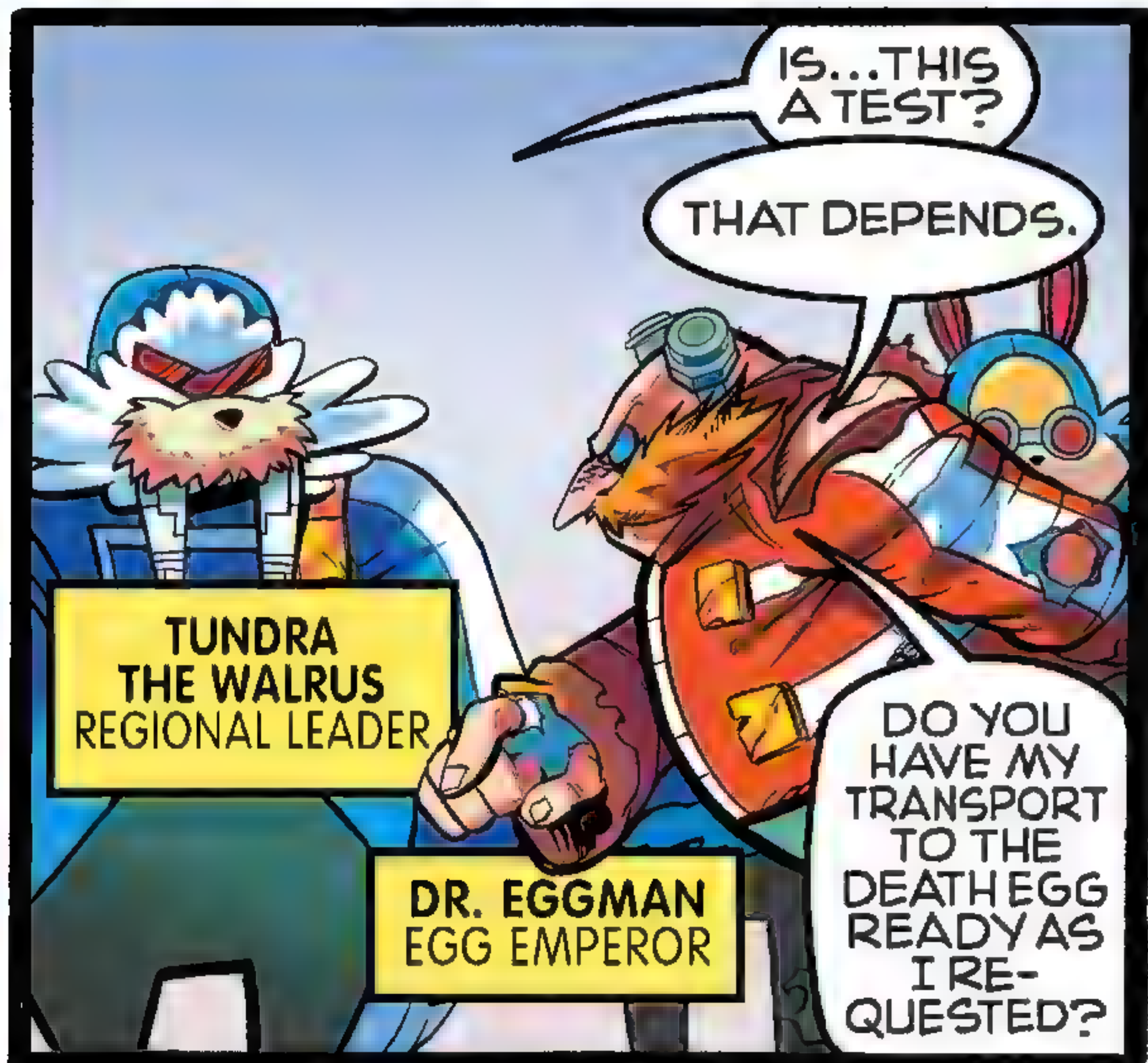
LET'S SEE HERE  
...EGG BOSS...  
TUNDRA?



YES,  
SIRE.

RUNNING THE  
EGG ARMY OF  
THE...ARTIKA  
CONTINENT?

CORRECT  
AGAIN, SIRE.



IS...THIS  
A TEST?

THAT DEPENDS.

TUNDRA  
THE WALRUS  
REGIONAL LEADER

DR. EGGMAN  
EGG EMPEROR

DO YOU  
HAVE MY  
TRANSPORT  
TO THE  
DEATH EGG  
READY AS  
I RE-  
QUESTED?



READY AND  
WAITING, SIRE.

THEN, YES,  
THIS WAS A  
TEST--AND  
YOU JUST  
PASSED!



THE AUTOPILOT IS SET FOR  
WHERE THE DEATH EGG IS  
DOCKED.

I'VE SENT PATROLS  
AS REGULARLY AS  
POSSIBLE, BUT THE  
WEATHER LATELY HAS  
BEEN BEASTLY.

YES,  
YES, WHAT-  
EVER.



YOU'VE  
DONE WELL.  
NOW GET  
BACK TO  
WORK!

UH  
...YES,  
SIRE!

AHH...  
SO CLOSE TO HOME.  
GLORIOUS, DEADLY  
HOME.

YOU SEEMED  
AWFUL FAMILIAR  
WITH THAT EGG  
BOSS, SIR.

CUBOT  
FAULTY VOICE  
CHIP

ORBOT  
SASSY  
LACKEY

JA,  
ESPECIALLY FIR  
SOMEONE FRIM  
A DEEF-RINT  
TIMELINE.



A TIMELINE TO WHICH  
WE'RE ADJUSTING...  
WHETHER WE WANT TO  
OR NOT. I SUSPECT  
THAT BEFORE LONG,  
THIS NEW REALITY--  
*MY* NEW HISTORY--  
WILL TAKE PERMANENT  
HOLD.

YUMPIN' YIMMINEY!  
IS THAT GONNA HIPPEN  
TO US, TOO?

YOU WERE AT  
THE EPICENTER  
OF THE REALITY  
SHIFT WITH ME,  
SO I'D ASSUME  
SO. YOUR PRO-  
GRAMMING MAY  
BE REWRITING  
ITSELF AS WE  
SPEAK.

SO THAT'S WHY  
YOU'VE BEEN PUSH-  
ING SO HARD TO  
GET HOME, FIGUR-  
ING OUT THESE  
DUAL MEMORIES  
MUST BE  
TOUGH.

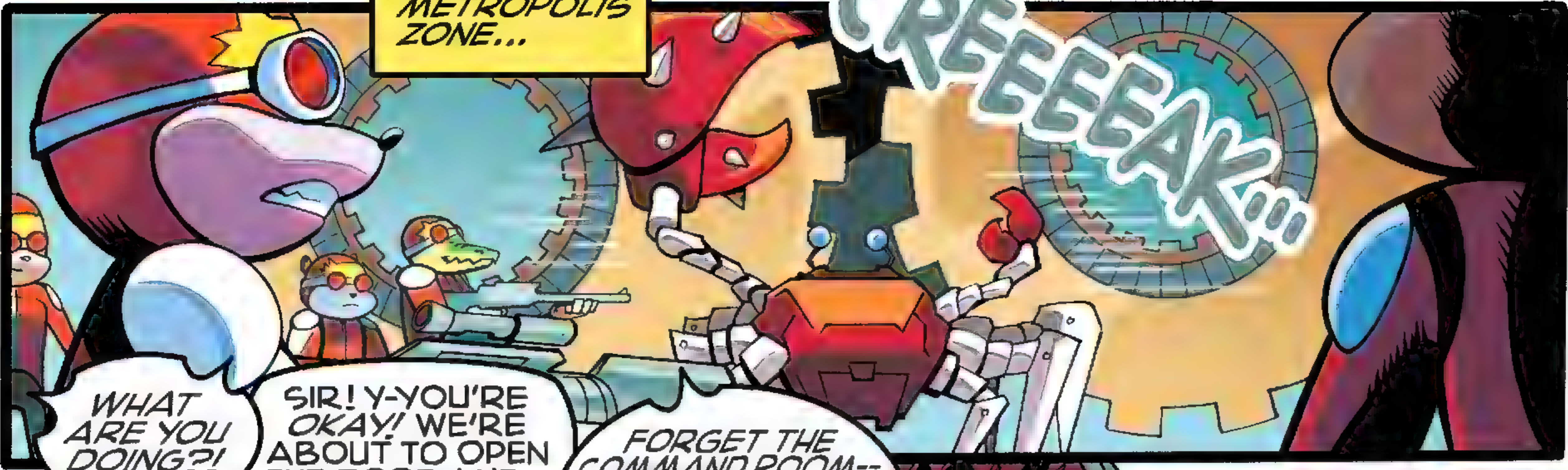
~SIGH~  
I WONDER IF MY NEW  
LIFE WILL HAVE BEEN  
AS "GLAMOROUS" AS  
THE OLD ONE...

PLEASE. *MY* BRILLIANT MIND  
CAN HANDLE IT ALL FINE. NO...  
WHAT CONCERNS ME ARE THE  
READINGS I GLIMPSED IN  
EFRYKA. \* IT MAY ALREADY  
BE TOO LATE...

\*STH#253.

BACK IN METROPOLIS ZONE...

CREEEAK...



WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

SIR! Y-YOU'RE OKAY! WE'RE ABOUT TO OPEN THE DOOR AND...

FORGET THE COMMAND ROOM-- WE'RE LOCKED DOWN! →KZZT← GET THE HEDGEHOG!



"HE'S ALREADY OUTSIDE..."

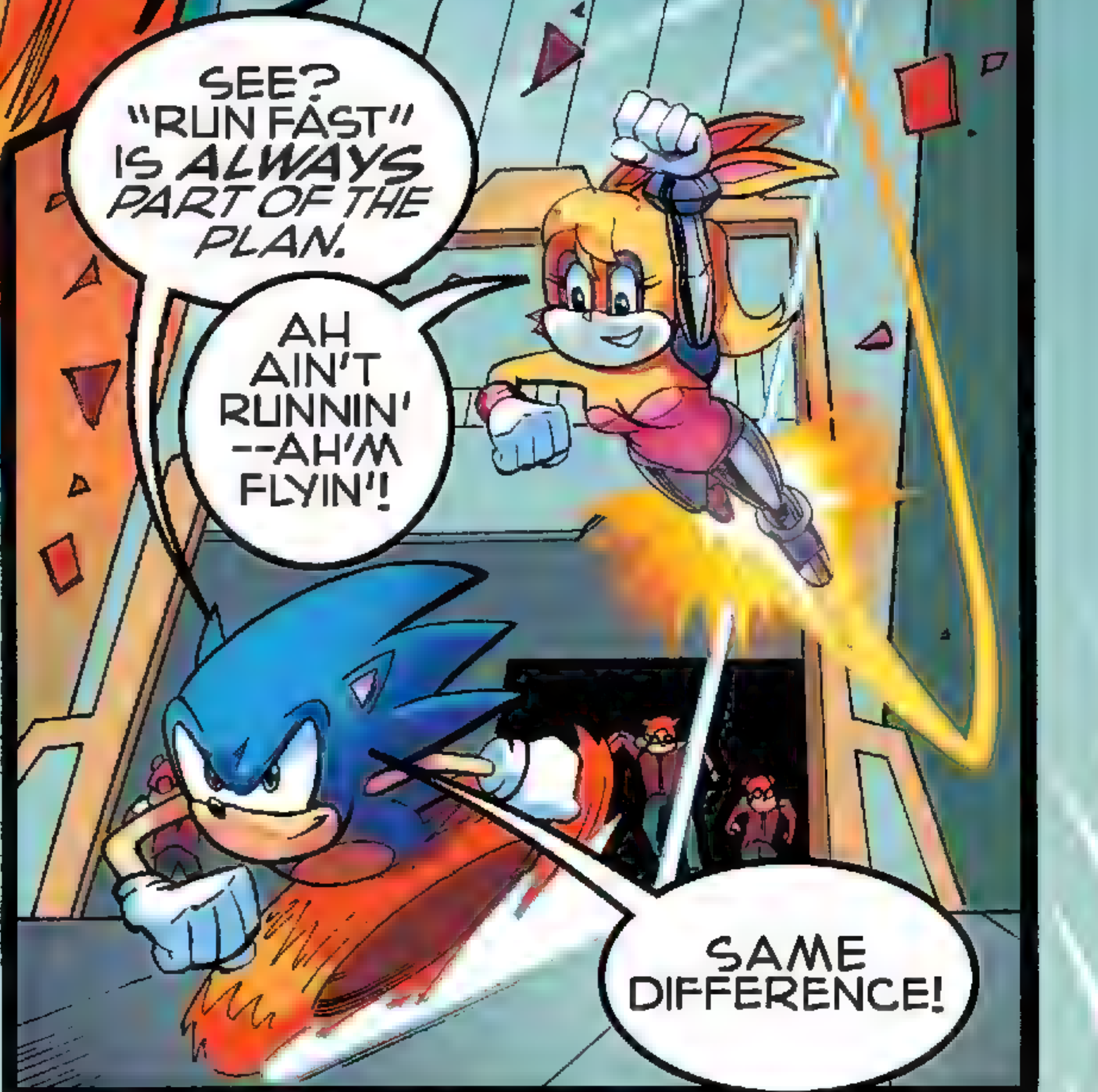
"...AND HEADING FOR THE RESEARCH VAULT!"

WHAM!

YOU HEARD THE FOREMAN! FORGET THE DOOR! MOVE IT!

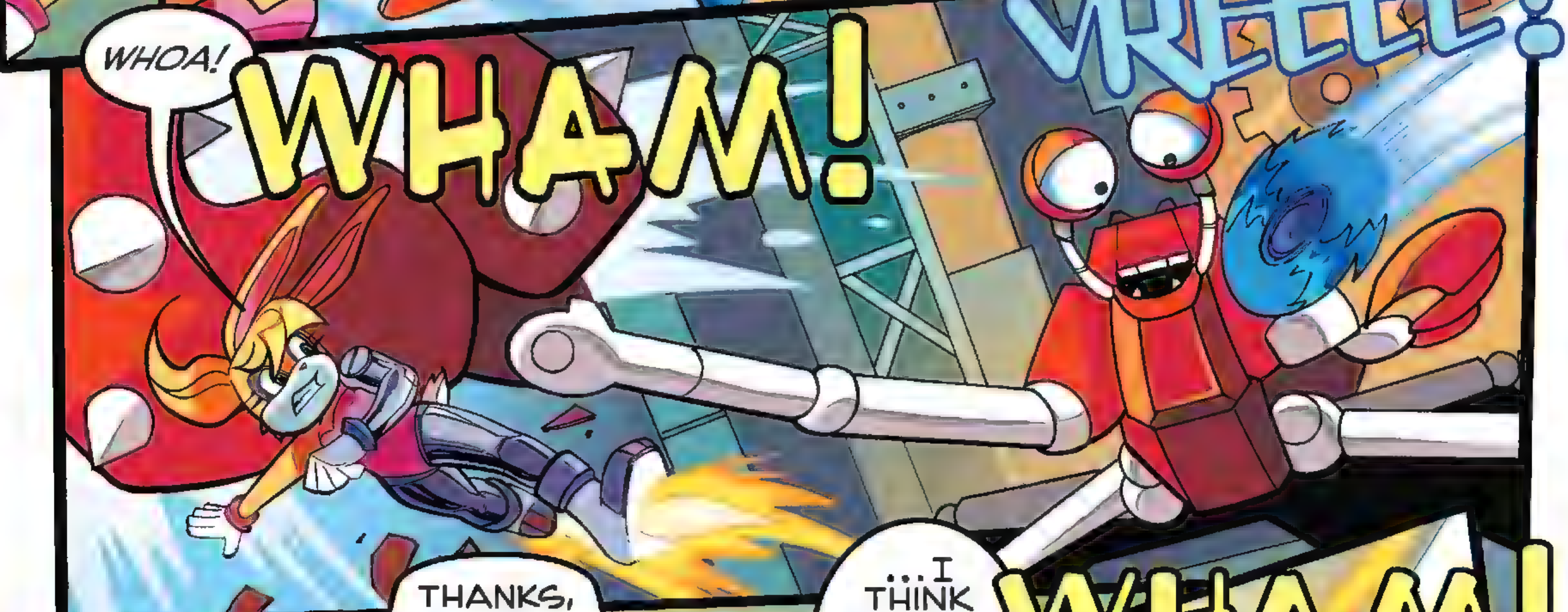
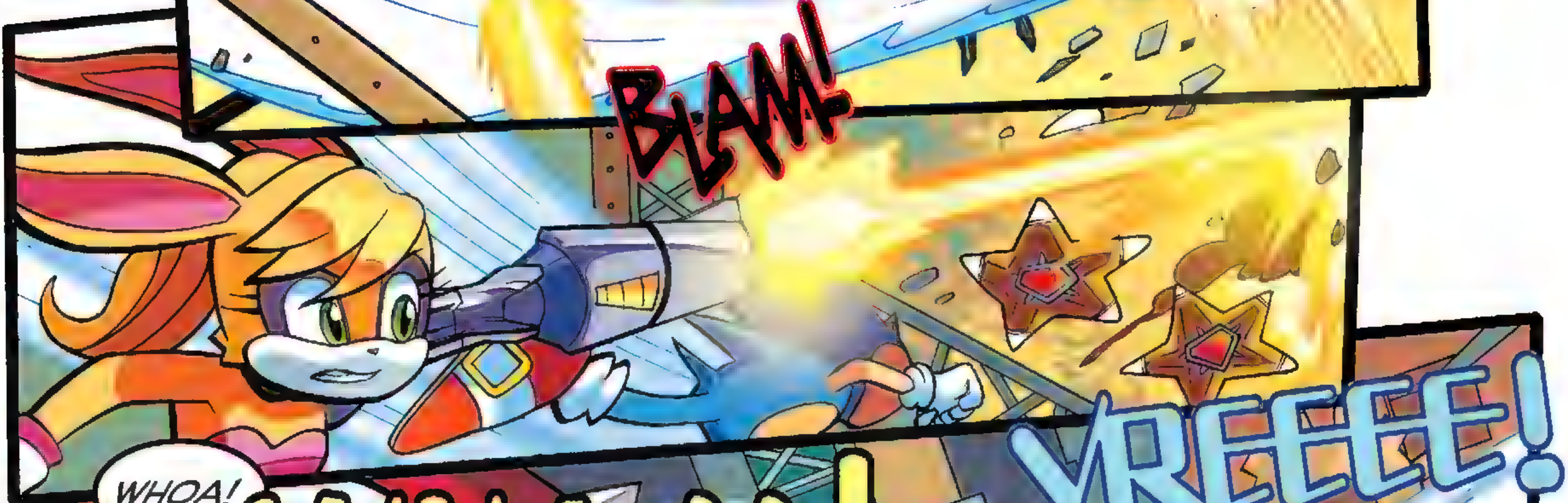
SEE? "RUN FAST" IS ALWAYS PART OF THE PLAN.

AH AIN'T RUNNIN' --AH'M FLYIN'!

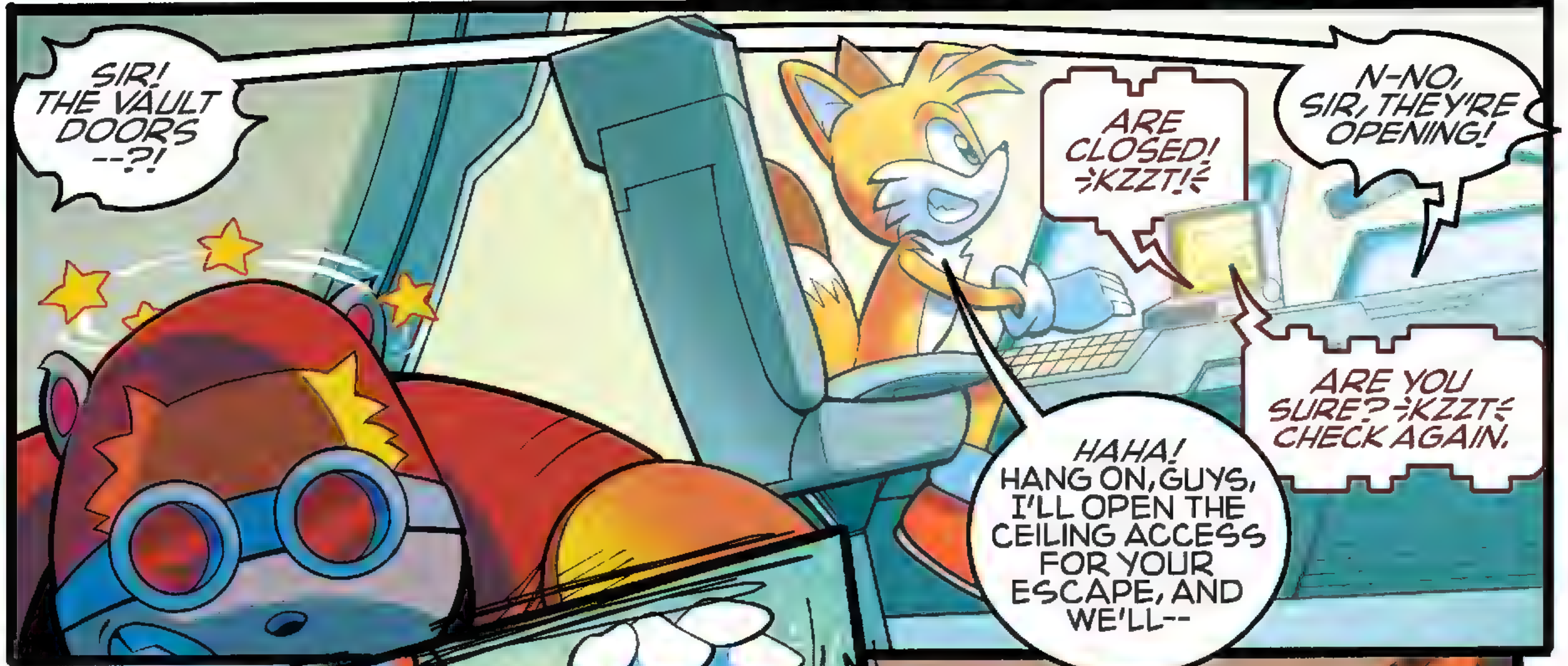


SAME DIFFERENCE!

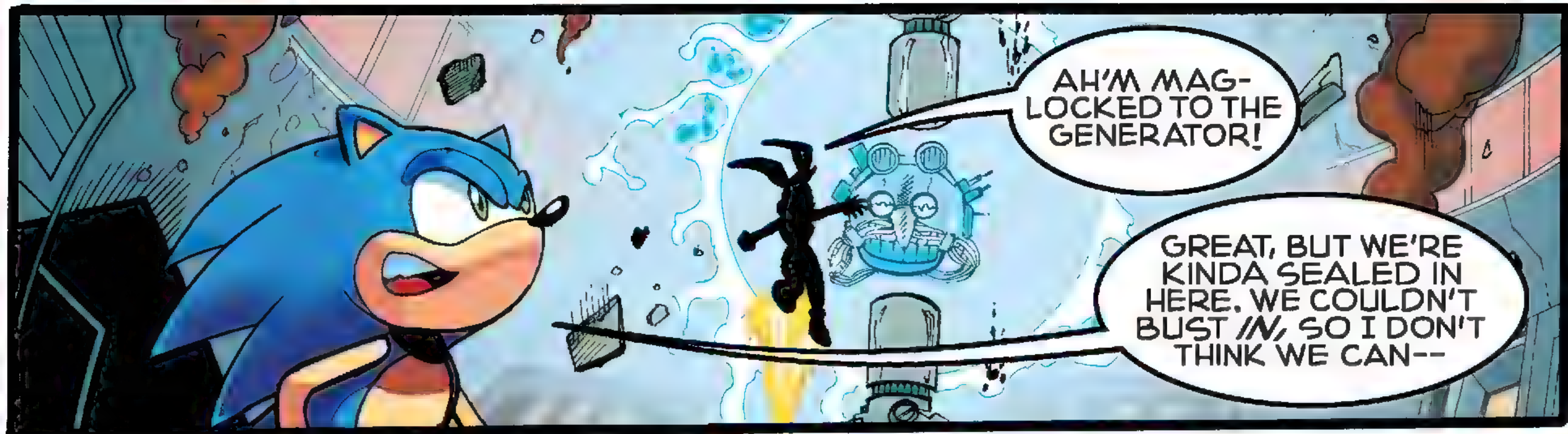












AH'M MAG-LOCKED TO THE GENERATOR!

GREAT, BUT WE'RE KINDA SEALED IN HERE. WE COULDN'T BUST IN, SO I DON'T THINK WE CAN--

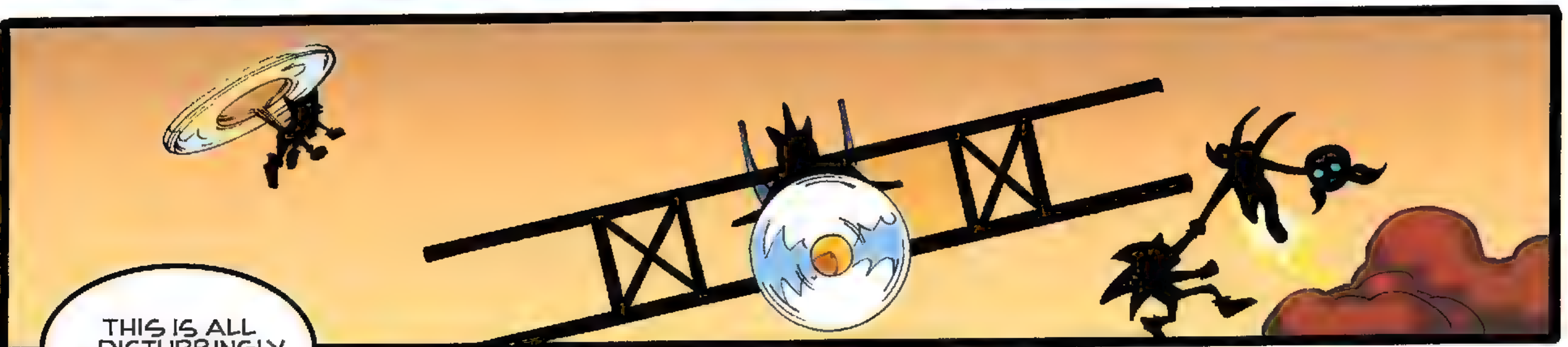


**CRASH!**

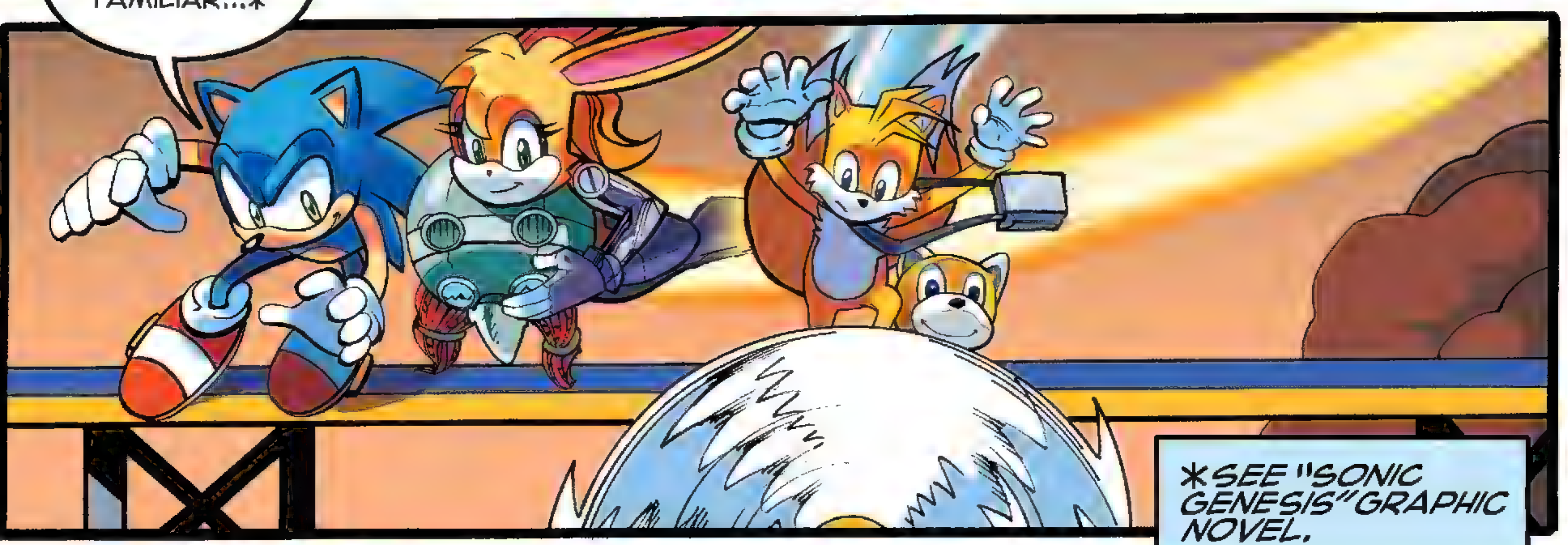


NEVER MIND! LOOKS LIKE THESE QUAKE'S ARE USEFUL FOR A CHANGE. GUN IT!

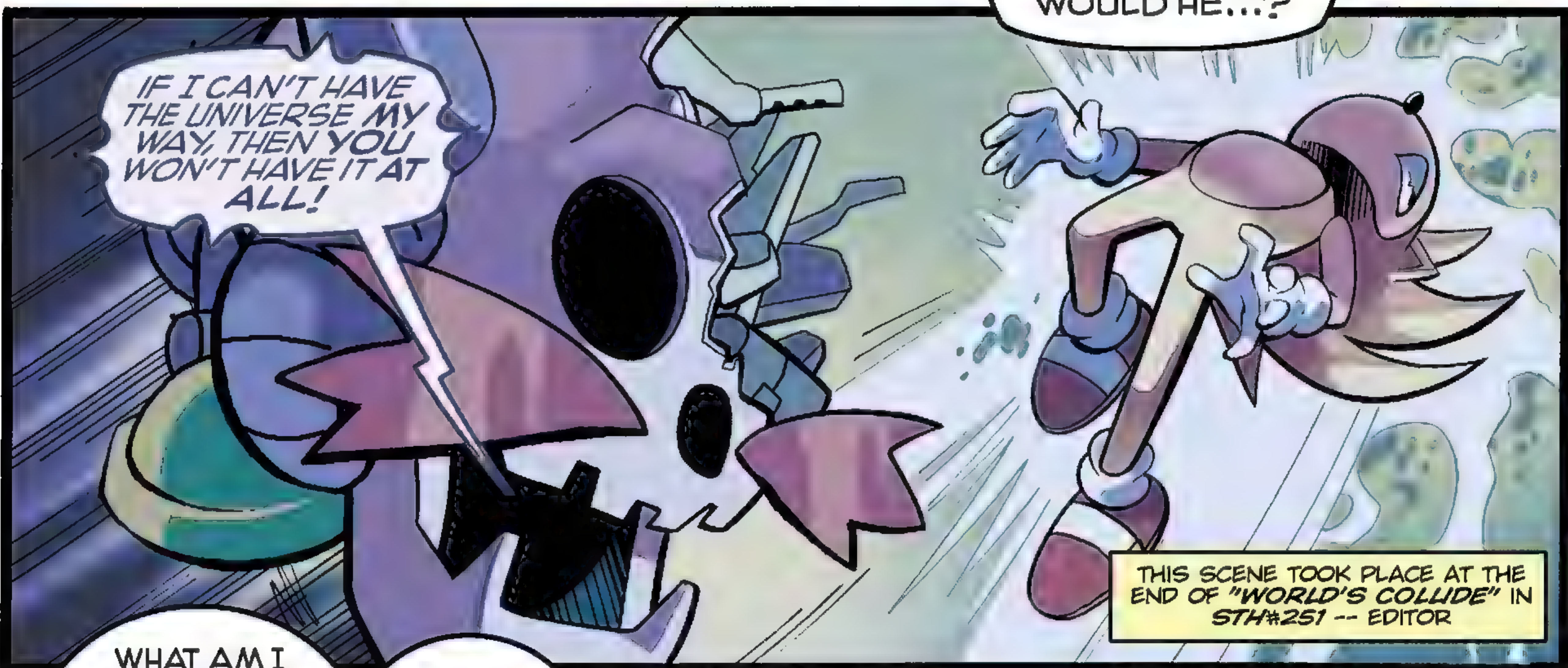
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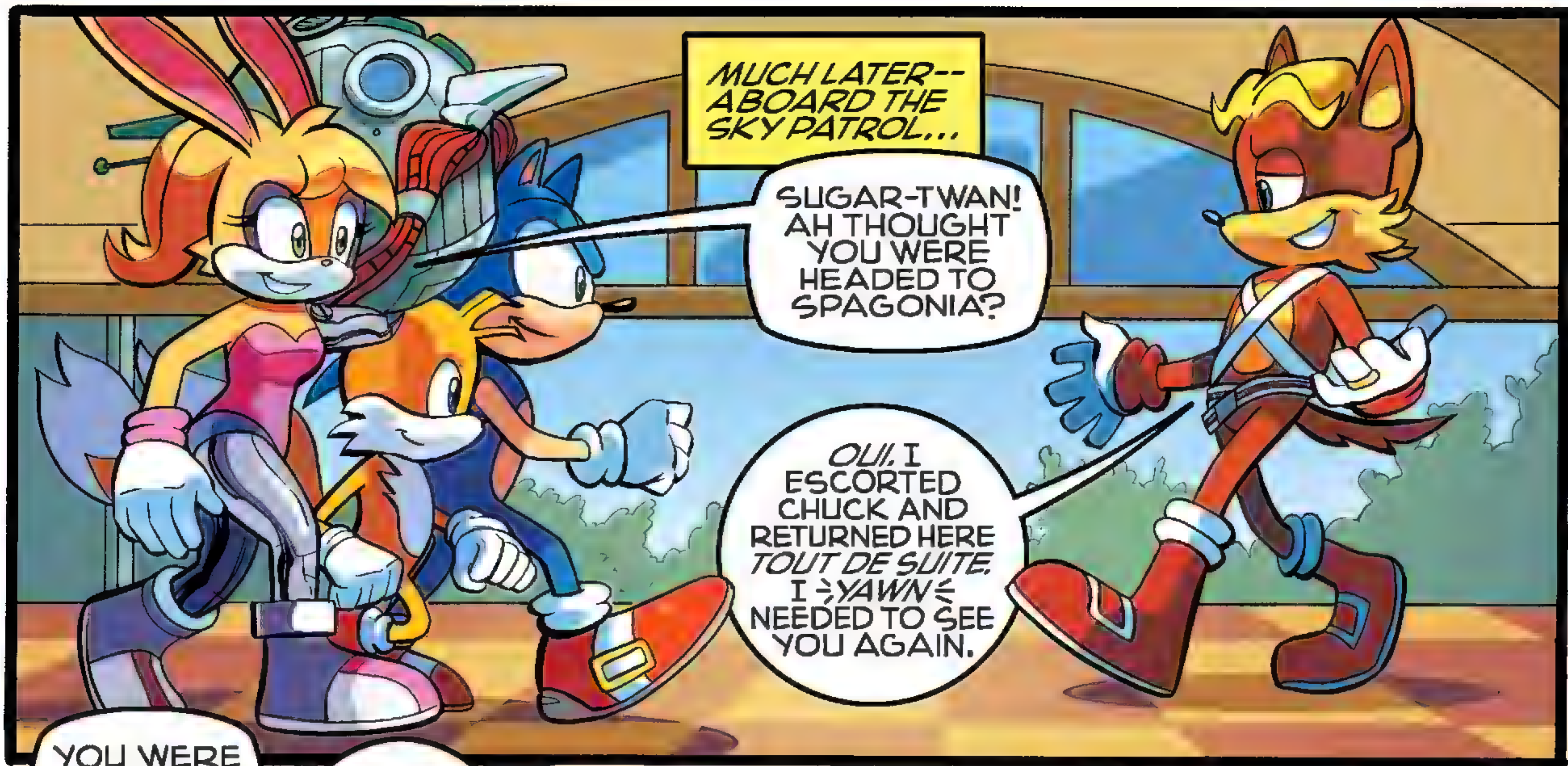


THIS IS ALL ...DISTURBINGLY FAMILIAR...\*



\*SEE "SONIC GENESIS" GRAPHIC NOVEL.





MUCH LATER--  
ABOARD THE  
SKY PATROL...

SUGAR-TWAN!  
AH THOUGHT  
YOU WERE  
HEADED TO  
SPAGONIA?

OUI, I  
ESCORTED  
CHUCK AND  
RETURNED HERE  
TOUT DE SUITE.  
I  $\Rightarrow$ YAWN $\Leftarrow$   
NEEDED TO SEE  
YOU AGAIN.

YOU WERE  
ALMOST  
ROMANTIC  
UP UNTIL  
THAT YAWN.

I WAS  
HAVING ZE  
ROUGH  
FLIGHT  
HERE.

MINE WAS  
ROUGHER.

NOW, THEN--  
WE'RE HERE,  
ALL SAFE 'N'  
SOUND. WHAT  
WERE Y'ALL  
WHISPERING  
ABOUT BACK IN  
METROPOLIS  
ZONE?

IT'S A LONG  
STORY, AND  
THERE'S NO  
EASY WAY TO  
PREPARE ANY-  
ONE FOR IT.  
Y'SEE...



THIS IS ALSO THE REASON I  
AM COMING HERE QUICKLY.  
I SHOULD BE HELPING HER  
THROUGH THIS.

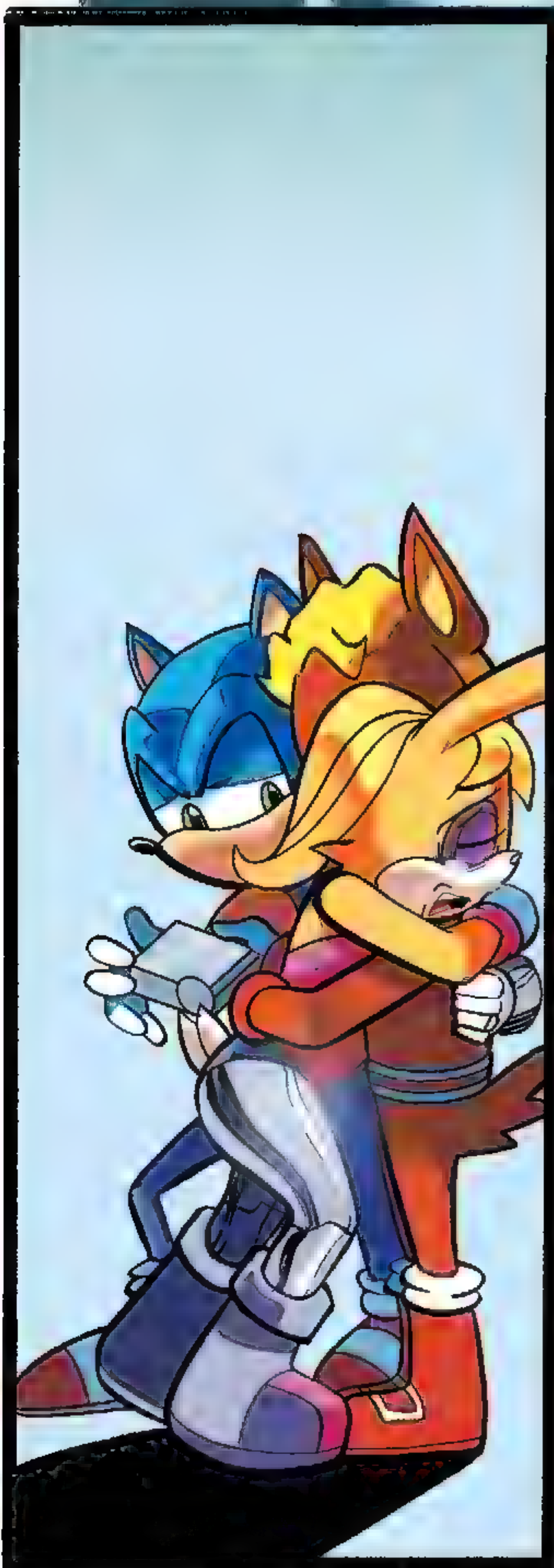
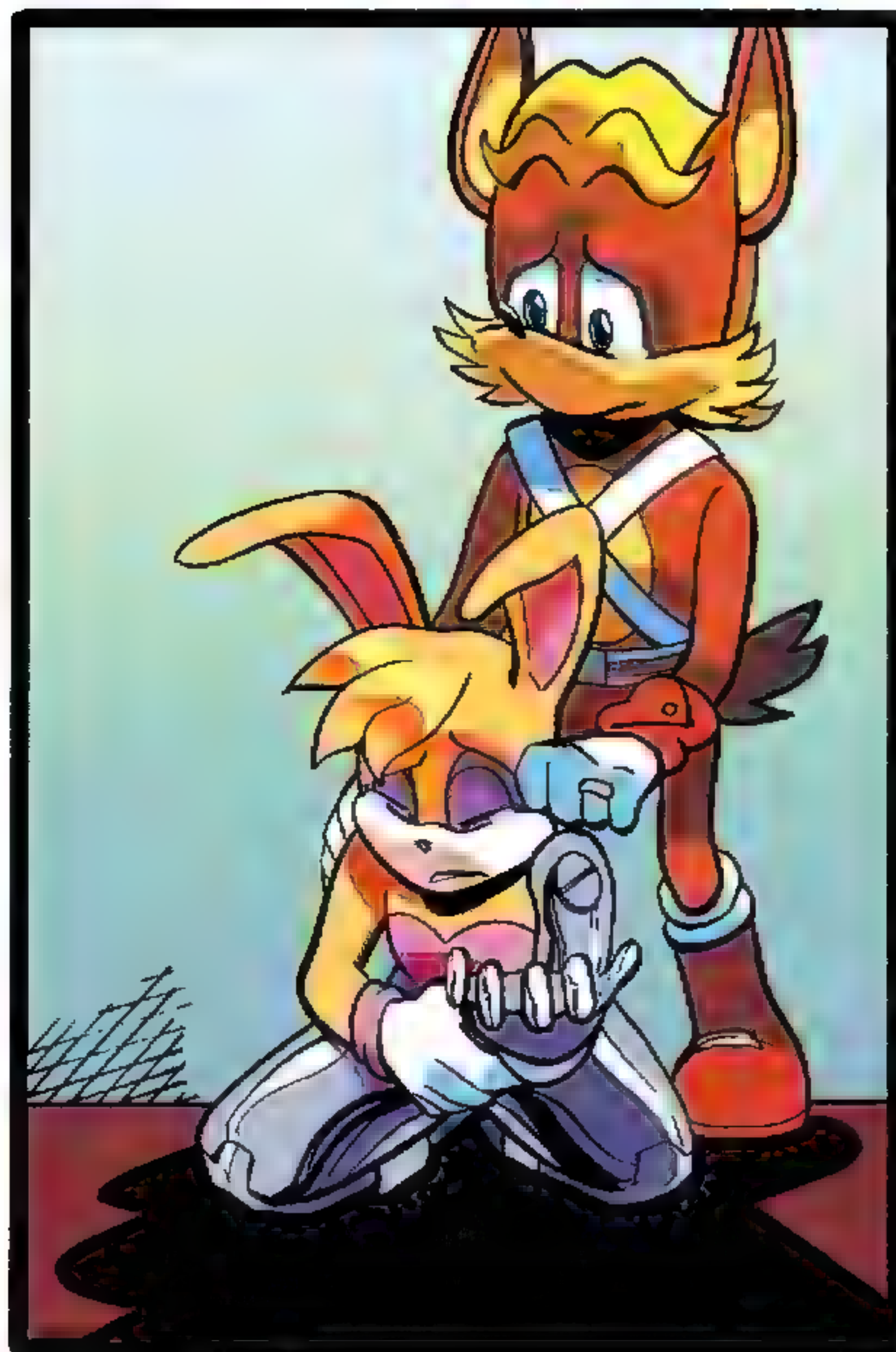
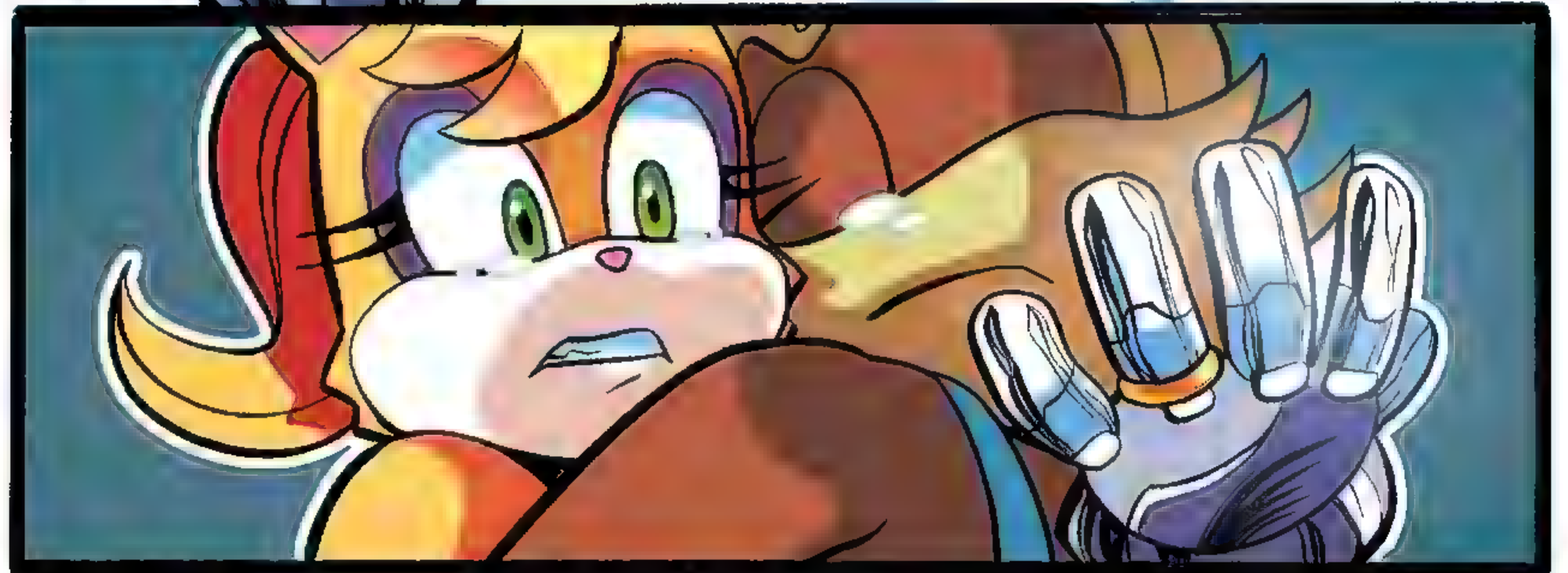
YOU'RE  
ABSOLUTELY  
RIGHT. HERE.

I...I'LL  
GET THE  
GENERATOR  
TO ROTOR...



TAKE NICOLE,  
MON AMOUIR.  
KNOW THAT I  
AM HERE.

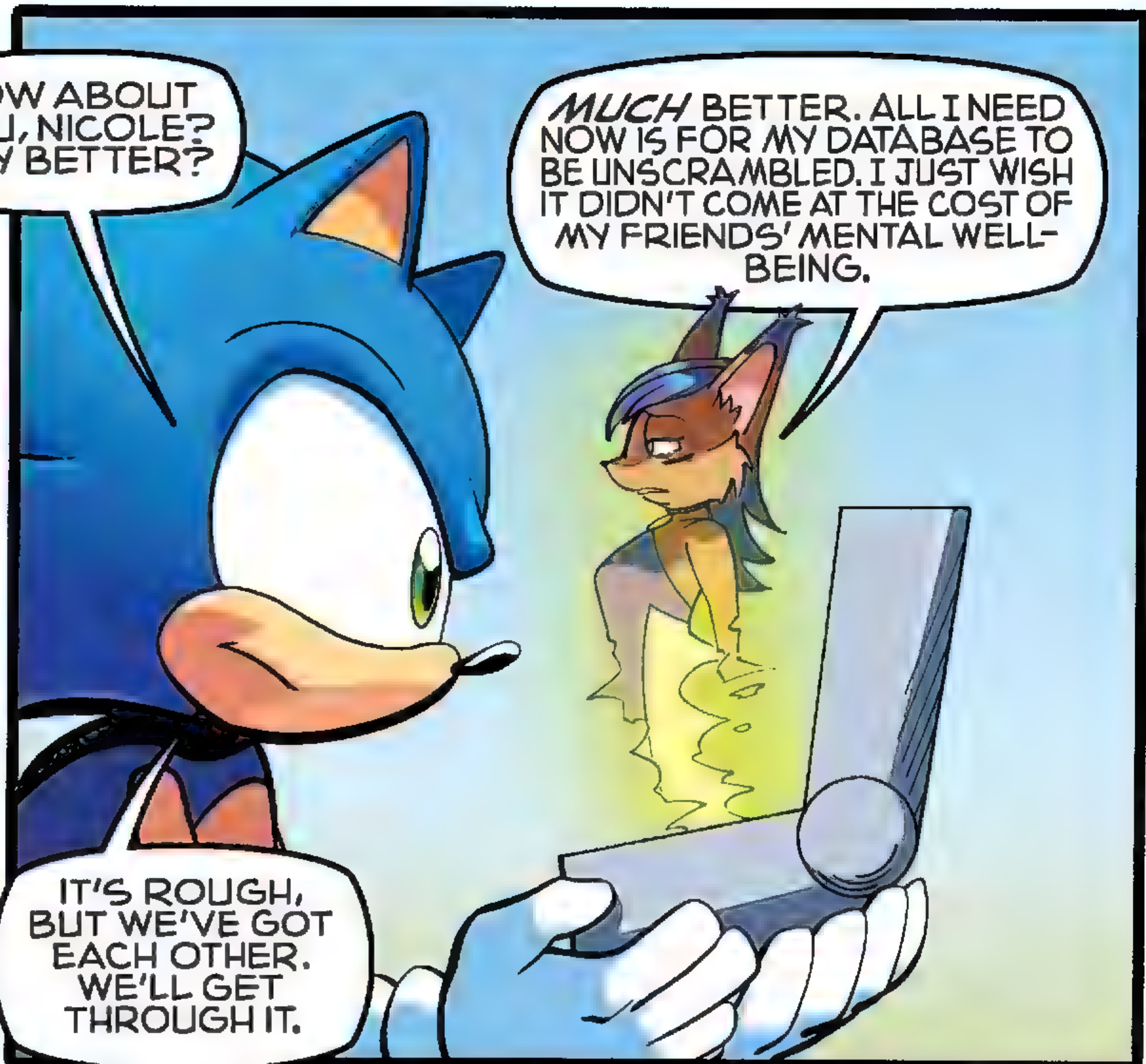
ALL RIGHT, THIS  
BETTER EXPLAIN  
WHY Y'ALL ARE  
ACTIN' SO WEIRD.





HOW ABOUT YOU, NICOLE? ANY BETTER?

IT'S ROUGH, BUT WE'VE GOT EACH OTHER. WE'LL GET THROUGH IT.



MUCH BETTER. ALL I NEED NOW IS FOR MY DATABASE TO BE UNSCRAMBLED. I JUST WISH IT DIDN'T COME AT THE COST OF MY FRIENDS' MENTAL WELL-BEING.



IT MAY BE A MOOT POINT IN THE END. I BARELY HAVE ANY ENERGIES LEFT OVER FROM THE GENESIS WAVE. IT... MAY COME DOWN TO RESTORING EITHER SALLY OR AMY.

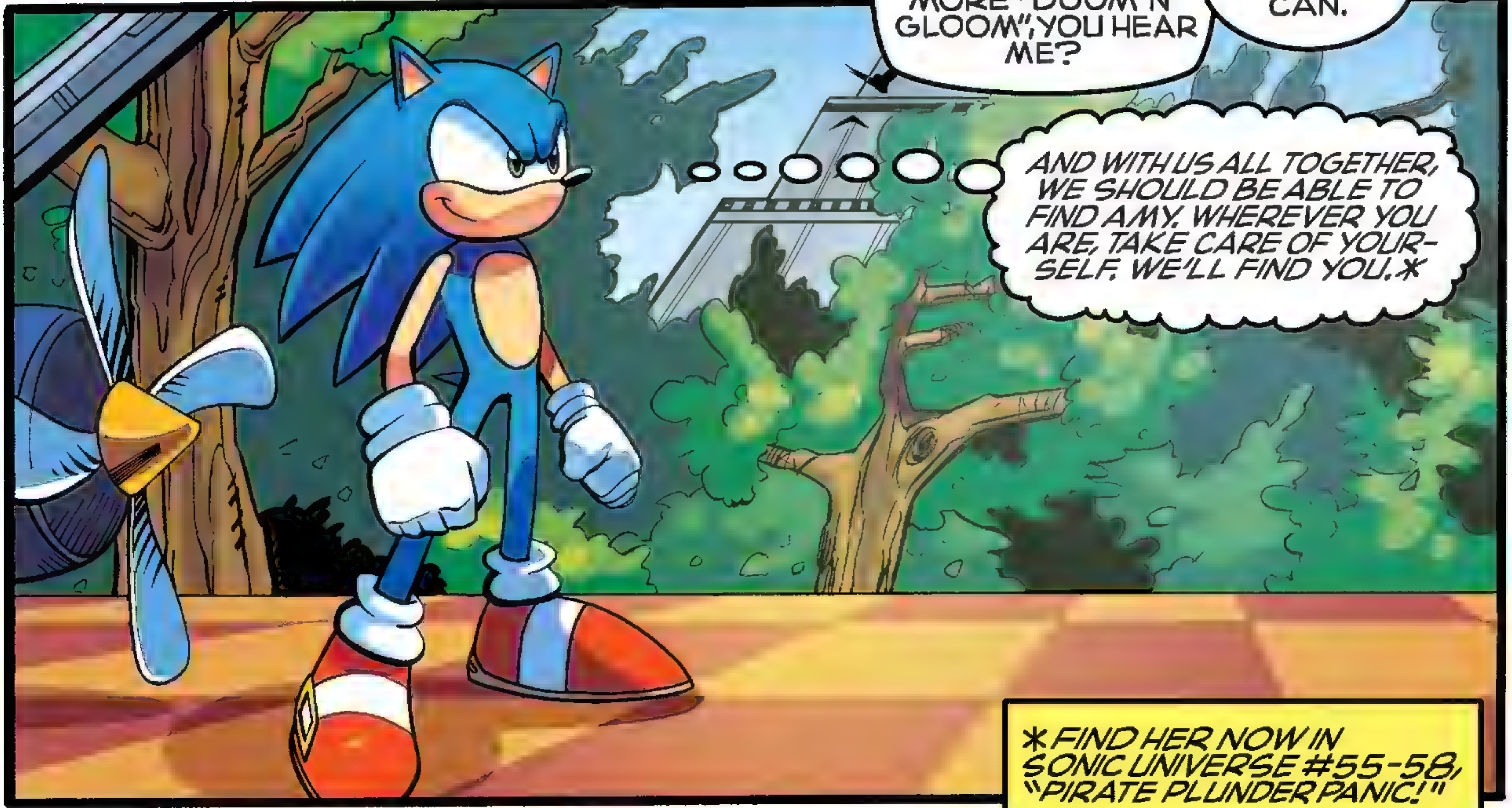
WE'LL CROSS THAT BRIDGE WHEN WE COME TO IT.



FIRST, WE NEED TO GET THEM BACK HERE.

SO SEE IF YOU CAN GET IN TOUCH WITH SAL. AND NO MORE "DOOM 'N' GLOOM", YOU HEAR ME?

I'LL DO WHAT I CAN.



AND WITH US ALL TOGETHER, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND AMY, WHEREVER YOU ARE, TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF. WE'LL FIND YOU.\*

\* FIND HER NOW IN SONIC UNIVERSE #55-58, "PIRATE PLUNDER PANIC!"

ABOARD THE DEATH EGG...

AHH... FRESH CLOTHES, A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP, AND MY FLYING MECHANICAL EGG OF DOOM ABOUT TO COME BACK ONLINE! IT ALMOST BRINGS A TEAR TO MY EYE!

WHAT'S THE GOOD NEWS, MY LOYAL LACKEY?

NONE, I DO HAVE BAD NEWS IN STOCK, IF YOU'RE INTERESTED.

GRRR... WHAT NOW?

METROPOLIS ZONE REPORTS MASSIVE DAMAGE DUE TO AN EARTHQUAKE, AND THAT THE SHIELD GENERATOR YOU COMMISSIONED WAS STOLEN BY THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS.

OF ALL THE-- ANYTHING ELSE?!

YES, BOSS. IT SEEMS AN ESCAPE POD LAUNCHED A FEW HOURS BEFORE WE ARRIVED. SECURITY MANAGED TO CATCH THIS IMAGE.

AWW... SHE'S A ROBOT NO MORE? AND BEHOLD YOU COULD DO ANYTHING INTERESTING WITH HER...

TRACK THAT POD. SEND METAL SONIC.

SONIC DOESN'T GET TO SEE HER AGAIN --ALIVE.

SALLY'S ON THE RUN-- BUT WILL SHE SURVIVE LONG ENOUGH TO BE REUNITED WITH SONIC? WHEN WILL AMY ROSE RETURN? AND WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE PLANET? ALL THIS COMES TO AN EXPLOSIVE CONCLUSION NEXT TIME!



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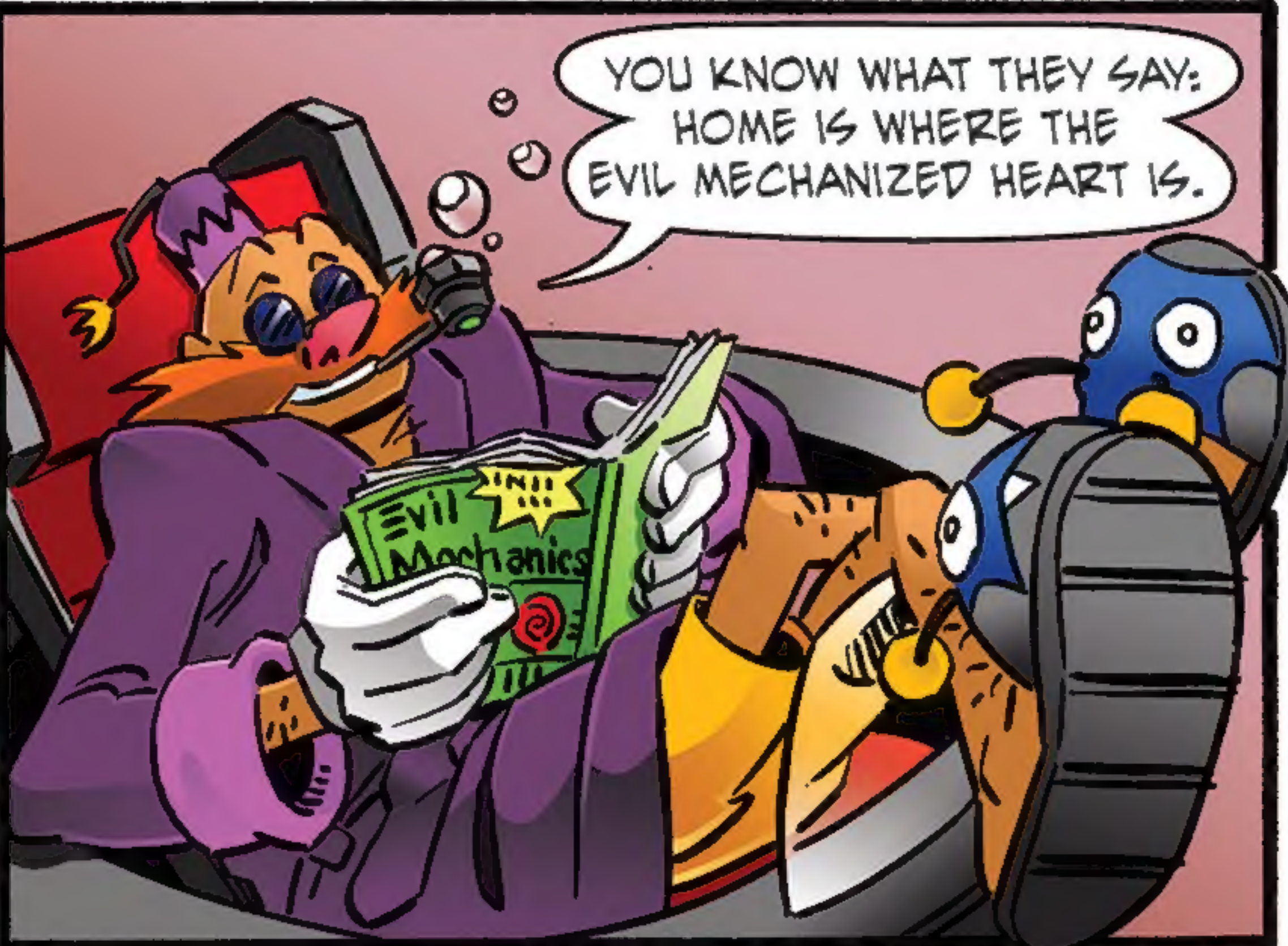
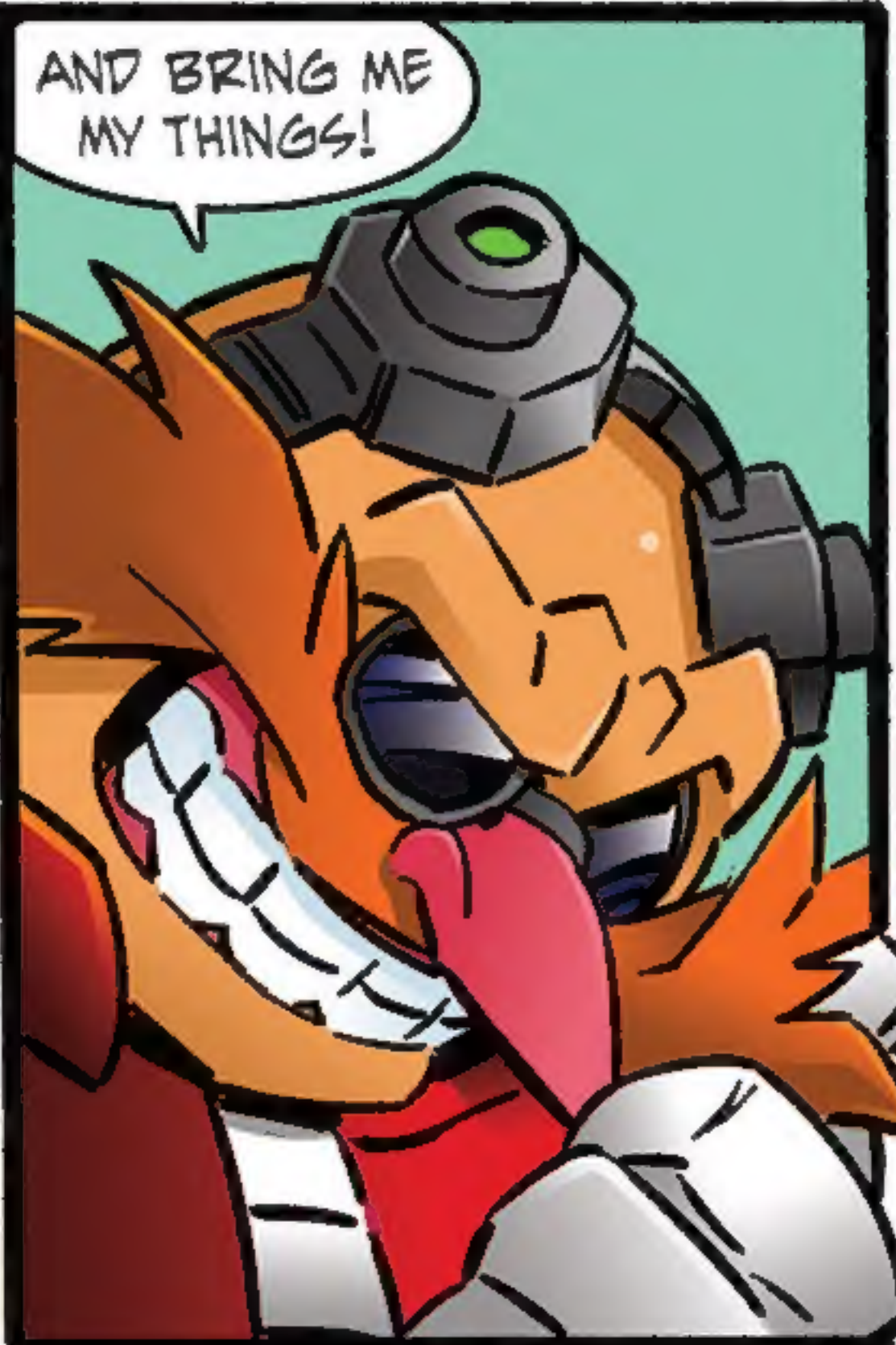
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Dear 'Sonic Grams,'

Hi my name is Trevor and I have a few questions.

**Hello, Trevor! The usual it is!**

1. Will Honey the Cat be in any comics?

**It's possible! If we get enough requests we'll do our best to make this a reality!**

2. Was Nicole's design based off of any other characters?

**Nicole, along with a lot of the new universe designs are fabricated to look more in tune with Sonic's world! Ideas and aspects of a lot of previously established Sega characters were used to influence these changes!**

3. In STH 253 I saw that some of Eggman's minions had Extreme Gear. How did they get it?

**Eggman has A LOT of**

**factories where his genius designs are created, Extreme Gear are a must for his Egg Army!**

You guys make the best comics ever!

Trevor H. sent to  
Sonic@ArchieComics.com

**Thanks, Trevor! We'll keep making the best as long as we have awesome fans such as yourself!**

Dear 'Sonic Grams,'

I really like the Countdown to Chaos arc, especially because we get to see all of Sonic's friends designed differently. I like Antoine's new look a lot better than his old one and I especially like Uncle Chuck's new look.

**Great! I'm glad you like it! Antoine is so cool, especially with his new spinning sword slash attack and Chuck, you gotta love that 'stache!**

I love Lamar Wells' artwork. He's a very talented guy. Anyways I would also like to say that I am an aspiring Sonic the Hedgehog artist and my "Sky is the Limit" dream is to be a penciler, writer, or both for Sonic the Hedgehog comics. If the Sonic comic artists have any advice or tips for me I would love to hear them!

Joey E. sent to  
Sonic@ArchieComics.com

**Thanks for writing in, Joey! Our Sonic team of artists have a lot of talent! Many of them took life drawing classes and studied at colleges for comic books, so start there and never stop drawing!**

**See ya'll next month for the finale of COUNTDOWN TO CHAOS!**

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